Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

January 20th, 2026

7:00 p.m. in the PCCS High School Auditorium

Board Members present: Melia Mauldin, Paul Tharp, LeBarbara Southern, Emily Rodgers, Melissa Gardner, Kim Richardson, Jackie Cansler, Adrianne Dellovade, Jeremy Gordon, Elizabeth Inzana, Michael Satterfield and Wendi Greemon. A quorum was present.

Others in attendance: **Jennifer Killen, HOS**. School community members (administration, guests, and parents).

M. Mauldin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and read the PCCS mission statement.

Following the mission statement, M. Mauldin asked for a moment of silence.

Public Comments: None scheduled

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- This winter season, all three campuses hosted service projects benefiting our community. The elementary campus's Warming Tree collected socks, gloves, hats and blankets that were distributed by local outreach. The middle school's National Junior Honor Society collected over 600 donations of canned soup and Gatorade to benefit Cancer Services of Gaston county, and the high school's Jr. Heart Board collected 260 items for Levine Children's Hospital during their annual holiday toy drive. This is a wonderful example of our students leading with one of our Core Values of Community
- The elementary Patriot Singers will perform at the National School Choice Week Student Showcase in Raleigh this month. This is an exciting honor for our students who have put in hard work and practice after school this year. We know they will do an excellent job representing Piedmont at this statewide event.
- January is School Board Appreciation Month. The members of Piedmont's Board of Directors graciously contribute their time and energy to the success of our school. They develop policies, serve

on committees and work with all stakeholders with the collective goal of a student achievement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board members and celebrate their hard work and commitment to Piedmont.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by W. Greemon to approve the minutes of the November 18th , 2025 Board of Directors meeting. M. Gardner seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: L. Southern shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report and Surplus and Cash Report as of December 31st 2025.

b. J. Killen shared the Head of School Report which included

- Compliance Submission Report
  - The following items were submitted to the EpiCenter – office of Charter Schools for October
    - Annual Charter School Audit
  - The following items were submitted to the EpiCenter - office of Charter Schools for December
    - Gov-4 Enrollment Policy and Lottery Application Requirements
  - The following items were submitted For DAC to EMMA for November
    - Unaudited Financial Statements and other financial information of the Borrower with respect to the School
    - Statement of the Schools Student Count as of the most recently completed calendar quarter
    - Statement of the student enrollment by grade at the school as of the close of such quarter
    - Written notice of any changes in key personnel
    - Certificate of a Disclosure Representative

- The enrollment Report
    - As of 01/13/2026 we have 1942 enrolled and have reached full enrollment (679 at Elementary, 659 at Middle and 604 at High School). Over 1100 are on the waiting list. As of this afternoon, we have over 700 lottery applications
- The personnel Report
    - In December we hired 2 PT EC Teacher Assistants
        - M. Mauldin made a motion to approve the personnel report. M. Satterfield seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- School Calendar
        - E. Rodgers made a motion to approve the School Calendar. J. Gordon seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
- Calendar
    - February 17th, 2026 – Board Meeting

c. Academic Committee Report:

a. The academic committee met November 18th, 2025, where the administration from all 3 campuses presented data from the testing analysis from the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year. The elementary and Middle School Campuses have used this data to develop small group instruction and to determine student mastery of the standards. The teachers have also aligned their instruction to the standards that will be tested on each benchmark so that we get a better understanding of how students are progressing on the standards. Teachers have worked with our Literacy Coach and i-leadr to disaggregate the data, study the benchmark questions and analyze student answers to inform their next steps in instruction.

d. Athletic Committee Report:

a. MS

i. Basketball teams

1. Girls are 2-3 and boys are 0-5 with our next home basketball games being on Thursday against Union Prep at the High

School. This will also be our Recognition night for our 8th grade Cheerleaders and Basketball players. This will take place between the girls and boys game and parents should arrive around 5:15pm

2. Cheerleaders will participate in a Cheer Comp at Mountain Island on January 31st at 9:30 AM

ii. Tryouts

1. Spring sport tryouts will take place Monday, February 2nd through Wednesday, February 4th for Baseball, Softball and Girls Soccer
2. Golf Tryouts will take place February 17th – 19th

b. HS

i. Basketball

1. Varsity Boys are 8-1 in the conference and 17-2 overall winning the South point High School Christmas tournament
2. Varsity Girls are 3-5 in the Conference and 7-12 overall
3. JV Boys are 2-1 in the Conference and 10-5 overall

ii. Tryouts for Spring Sports will start on February 16th

c. Facebook

i. Mrs. Huffstetler and her team are currently working on a Facebook page for HS athletics, and it should be live in February if not sooner

e. Facilities Committee Report –

a. Starting our plan for summer when the students are out. We will have a list of recommendations for the board within the next few meetings.

f. Governance Committee Report: -

a. The governance committee convened on January 12th to discuss a proposed amendment to the school charter to add an exclusion as an additional disciplinary measure. The amendment aims to provide administration with greater flexibility in disciplinary matters. Under the exclusion policy, students would be permitted to enroll in their local school administrative unit. It was clarified that while the amended is being adopted now, the exclusion will not be implemented until the 2026/2027

school year. L. Southern made a motion to approve the amendment. M. Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No further discussion was held.

M. Mauldin announced the next Board meeting will be held on February 17th.

M. Mauldin adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary