Piedmont Community Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

May 20th, 2025

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

Board Members present: M.Satterfield, Paul Tharp, Scott McRainey, Emily Rodgers, Melia Mauldin, Kim Richardson, Melissa Gardner, Tiffany Jattan, Lisa Largent, Wendi Greemon. A quorum was present.

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

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

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

There were no public comments scheduled.

Awards & Recognition: J. Killen announced

- The elementary campus had its most successful Booster fundraiser yet with over $36,000 in donations!! The money raised will be used to enhance the playground with additional structures. We are very grateful to our Patriot families who helped make this possible.
- The HS production of West Side Story was recognized by Blumey Awards as a Tier 1 Best Musical, as well as a Top 6 finalist in the following categories:
  - Best Featured Performer (10th grader Rae Thomas)
  - Best Supporting Actor (12th grade Josh Sells)
  - Best Choreography Execution
  - Best Direction
  - Best Costume Design
- Over the weekend, the cast performed on the stage of the Blumey Awards alongside the other top 5 High Schools. The Blumey Awards celebrate achievement in musical theater among high schools in the Greater Charlotte area. Congratulations to Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Painter and Ms. Yentsch and the entire West Side Story cast and crew.

- 10th grader John Phillips represented Piedmont in the 2025 NC All-State Honors Band! John was selected as first chair oboe for the clinic held at UNC Greensboro this month. Congratulations to John on this impressive accomplishment.
- Both the middle school Band and Chorus earned Superior ratings at the Carowinds Festival of Music! Also, 8th grader Wesley Henriquez was invited to perform with the Charlotte Concert Band as part of Musicians for a Lifetime.
- Piedmont has 20 Seniors who, by the end of this summer, will have earned their Associates Degree from Gaston College through the College Now program! This is by far the largest number of graduates Piedmont has had to earn their Associate's tuition free, while still in high school.
- Congratulations to the recipients of the PCCS Scholar Athlete Award, Eva Scruggs and Henry Tippett. This award recognizes two outstanding senior athletes who represent Piedmont's Portrait of a graduate, acting with honor and integrity and are academically prepared for college. Eva and Henry each received a $1,500 scholarship to their chosen university (UNC Chapel Hill).
- The Anne Beam Morgan Memorial Scholarship was awarded to senior Khadijia Bibi who will attend UNC Charlotte this fall. This is a $1500 scholarship awarded to one student from the graduating class. Khadijia's winning essay was selected as the best reflection of Piedmont's Portrait of a Graduate.
- 209 seats were awarded for the 2025-2026 school year after a new record of 1,416 lottery applications

Approval of Previous Minutes:

- A motion was made by E. Rodgers to approve the minutes for the Board of Directors meeting on April 15th, 2025 M. Mauldin seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously. W. Greemon made a motion to approve the Board of Directors Special Meeting on April 29th. S. McRainey seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by S. McRainey to approve the Executive Committee Meeting on May 7th, 2025. M. Mauldin seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

a. Treasurer/Finance Committee: S. McRainey shared the updates and financial status of the Budget Report as of April 30th, as well as the Surplus and Cash for period ending April 30th , 2025.
    a. Claire presented the 2025/2026 Budget
        i. L. Largent made a motion to approve the 2025/206 preliminary budget. S. McRainey seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
    b. *Michael notes that we need to amend the agenda and add the below items to the agenda. W. Greemon made a motion to amend the agenda and P. Tharp seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.*
        i. Approve Audit engagement letters (under 6.a)
        ii. MS Foundation Repair quotes (under 6.d)
    c. Clarie presented the quotes for the Potter & Company, PA Charter School Audit and Retirement 401 K Audit.
        i. E. Rodgers made a motion to approve the Charter School Audit from Potter & Company. L. Largent seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
        ii. M. Mauldin made a motion to approve the Retirement 401 K Audit from Potter & Company. W. Greemon seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

b. J. Killen shared the Head of School Report:
    a. Compliance Submission Report
        i. No Filing requirements for the EPICENTER – Office of Charter Schools

        ii. For DAC to EMMA for May
            1. Unaudited financial statements and other financial information of the Borrower with respect to the School, including statement of Revenue and Expenses, a Balance Sheet for the Borrower and Calculation of the Coverage Ratio and Days Cash on Hand, each in comparative form with the financial figures from the corresponding period in the preceding Fiscal Year

b. Contracts for School Psychologist, Pediatric Hands on Therapy, Speech-Language Pathologist, Support INC.
    i. L.Largent made a motion to approve the contract for Kies Psychological Services. M. Mauldin seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
    ii. W. Greemon made a motion to approve the Pediatric Hands on Therapy contract. E. Rodgers seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
    iii. W. Greemon made a motion to approve the United SLP, PLLC for Logan Carter. E. Rodgers seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
    iv. PCC Contract for Services – W. Greemon made a motion to approve the contract. M. Mauldin seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion was passed unanimously.
c. Technology update - Michael Stocks
    i. Ordered chrome books for HS, saved $75,000 in tariffs thanks to the swift action of the board. This is the year we replace every access point in all campuses. This is a huge project. Internet runs through the MS Campus – our gigs doubled from Spectrum and we anticipate it to go very smoothly. Thanks to ERATE we are going to pay nothing.
d. The Enrollment report
    i. As of May 13, 2025 we had 1901 and have reached full enrollment (664 at Elementary, 632 at Middle and 605 at High School). Over 1440 are on the waiting list
e. Calendar
    i. May 21st – Last day of School for Students
    ii. May 23rd – Graduation at 10:00 am
    iii. June 17th – Annual Board Meeting
    iv. August 13th – First day of School
    v. August 16th – Board Training from 8am to 1pm

c. Enrichment Committee Report:
    a. Jennifer Wyatt shared feedback from the Beginning Teachers (BT) Survey. 10 out of 12 BT completed the survey. They were asked about Strengths, benefits, weaknesses and how BT can be improved. Suggestions form the committee included:
        i. BT's meet more frequently

ii. Professional Development in specific areas like classroom management
iii. Have BT observe other classrooms more
iv. 1 on 1 time with our iLeaders consultants

b. Next, Administrators from all 3 campuses prepared presentations to compare Beginning of Year (BOY) to End of Year (WOY) test data. mClass, iReady, Check ins and EOC data broken down by subject and grade was reviewed. Overall, growth in student proficiency was seen from the beginning of the school year to the end of the school year.

d. Athletic Committee Report:
    a. No report but I do want to thank the administration, coaches, teachers and athletes for an amazing year!
e. Facilities Committee Report –
        a. Quote presented from NC Eminent Domain Law Firm - We will lose 1 of our entrances at New Hope at the MS Campus – we have already configured a new method; however, since we are losing an entrance, the lawyers will make sure we are compensated for our loss. There is no specific timeline. M.Mauldin made a motion to approve the quote. W. Greemon seconded the motion. It was discussed that the attorney fee is 1/3 of the original quote from DOT and does not change. The motion passed unanimously.
        b. Tar Heel foundation Solutions – From our facilities needs assessment. This is the last project of that assessment. Crack on MS property that they wanted a structural engineer to look at it. The SE recommended that Tar Heel Foundations get the building structural sound and Jenkins will come in and make it look presentable. W. Greemon made a motion to approve the Tar Heel Foundation Solutions quote. L. Largen seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.
        c. Concrete Wall Repairs Quote – W. Greemon made a motion to pass the quote. L.Largent seconded. Michael discussed adding a contingency on to the quote. Discussion was held and it was decided to add $5,000 for the contingency. W. Greemon made a motion to pass the quote with the

contingency amount of $5,000. L. Largent seconded the motion. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously.

f. Governance Committee Report: -
    a. Need a motion to go into closed session for HOS Eval
        i. Motion was made by E.Rodgers to go in closed session to discuss teacher contracts. W. Greemon seconded. Motion was unanimously approved. M. Mauldin made a motion to come out of closed session. W. Greemon seconded. No further discussion was held. The motion passed unanimously. M.Mauldin made a motion to approve what was discussed in closed session. W. Greemon seconded. No further discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Satterfield announced the next Board meeting will be held on June 17th .
M. Satterfield adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Rodgers, PCCS Board Secretary