

**Piedmont Community Charter School**  
**A Challenge Foundation Academy**  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May16, 2017

**Board Members Present:** C. Crawford, E. Harris, R. McFerren, J. Pruett, M. Satterfield, M. Stephens, P. Swift, J. Waldrep, G. Webster, M. Williams

**Absent:** C. Burnett, M. Franklin

**Others Present:** J. Purdee

**Proceedings:** The Board of Directors meeting of Piedmont community Charter School was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Campus Auditorium with the president in the chair and Jeff Waldrep acting as Secretary (R.McFerren arrived late and assumed duties during the meeting). Jeff Pruett read the mission statement.

**Agenda:** Exhibit A

**Awards and Recognition:**

- Carrie Shive won first place in the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association Magazine Essay. Her essay will be published in the magazine. Kylie Carrier won first place and Rouben Sellers won 2nd place in the Literary Contest.
- Bianca Moten made it to the top 6 performers of the Blumey Awards and Dylan Medlin made it to the top 20 out of 44 schools from 16 counties.
- Mr. Don Blair received Honorable Mention for Custodian of the Year, Amy Jones received Teacher of the Year, and the Elementary Campus won Green School of the Year at the Keep Gastonia Beautiful Luncheon.
- Girls Varsity Soccer team had their 6th win, beating Bradford Prep, and made the play offs.
- PCCS had three students recognized in the Jr. Leadership Gaston Graduation Ceremony: Whitney Yancey, Nadja Brown, and Allie Royer.
- Hannah Hudson was recognized as a Best and Brightest by Gaston Gazette
- Mikayla Hensley has been accepted into the University of NC School of the Arts High School Drama Conservatory. She is one of only 20 students admitted annually.

**Minutes:** Minutes for the April Meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by J. Pruett and second by G. Webster

## **Reports:**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- 1) PNC Investment Funds Report was given by Dana Sugar. We are close to target with good diversification and a first quarter return of 4.27% (after fees).
- 2) M. Stephens reported that we have a Current Year Budgeted Surplus of \$349,439.81 as of April 30, 2017
- 3) The 2017-2018 PCCS Budget was presented with a projected year-end budget surplus of \$38,325.32. Motion to approve by G. Webster and Second by C. Crawford. Budget approved unanimously.
- 4) Motion to provide breakfast and lunch for staff during EOG week at a cost of \$1500.00 was made by R. McFerren and Seconded by M. Williams. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) Repairs for Bus (International, 2000, Lic. Tag ECK-2209) at a cost of \$18,000.00 need to be made. Repairs would include complete engine replacement and have a 3 year warranty. Funds would be taken from current surplus. Motion to approve by J. Pruett, Second by J. Waldrep: Motion approved unanimously.

### **Facilities Committee:**

- 1) Light replacement is approximately 95% complete on both campuses. We should have a good idea of the savings on utilities by fall.
- 2) Board approval needed to spend \$150,000.00 from the current budget surplus to have a science lab constructed on the secondary campus. Approximate costs include \$75,000.00 for laboratory equipment, \$50,000.00 for minor construction. The lab would be suitable for both biology and basic chemistry instruction. An attempt will be made to have the laboratory finished over the summer. Motion to approve funds: R. McFerren, Second: M. Williams

### **Team CFA Report**

National meeting in Montana next month.

### **Governance Committee:**

There was a final read through of Series 300. There will be a vote to adopt the revised Series at the June 2017 meeting.

**Enrichment Committee:** No report this month.

### **Athletics Committee:**

- 1) Thanks to Ernie Bridges for his devotion and hard work in securing a location for Girls and Boys High School Basketball games, Boys J.V. Basketball games, as well as J.V. and Varsity Volleyball games at Central Church on Union Rd., Gastonia.
- 2) Jeff Pruett reports that both Middle School boys baseball and girls volleyball will be added to the Fall schedule.
- 3) There will be a study next year to see if there are students interested in cross country running and golf.

**Head of School Report:**

- 1) As of 5/10/2017 we have 1238 students enrolled k-12
- 2) The high school enrollment for next year indicates:  
100 students each in 9th and 10th grades, 80 students each in 11th and 12th grades
- 3) A personnel change needs to be approved for Jennifer Wyatt return as a second grade instructor for the remainder of the school year. Motion: M. Stephens, Second: J. Pruett. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) Approval is needed to allow Jennifer Wyatt to file a Title I Grant application for federal funds. Motion by J. Waldrep, Second by G. Webster. Passed Unanimously
- 5) Comparison of MAP scores from October 2016 to May 2017 showed improvement, with most grades at or close to goal for GLP (75%) and CCR (60%)
- 6) Growth Reports were reviewed for reading, math, language usage, and science with some grades not making expected growth and many others showing that they met or exceeded growth.
- 7) Head of School, Jennifer Purdee, presented her 2017-2018 plan to "Endeavor to make Academic improvement consistent with stated goals and strategies of the Board and school as a whole, becoming a 'B' school." She outlined actions planned to achieve this goal.
- 8) Contract approvals needed for Occupational Therapist, Speech /Language Pathologist, and School Psychologist. There are no changes in cost associated with these contracts. Motion to approve all: J. Pruett, Second: M. Stephens. Contracts approved unanimously.

**Closed Session:**

At 8:23 p.m., Motion to move to closed session for the purpose of approving personnel contracts for school year 2017-2018: C. Crawford, Second: J. Pruett, Motion carried unanimously.

Returned to open session at 8:45 p.m.

Motion to approve minutes from Closed Session of April 25, 2017 made by G. Webster, Seconded by J. Pruett; Unanimously approved.

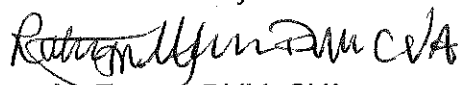
Motion to approve personnel contracts discussed and reviewed in Closed Session made by M. Stephens, Seconded by J. Pruett; Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned by president M. Satterfield at 8:48 p.m.

***The next meeting is scheduled for:***

**DATE:** Tuesday June 20, 2017 **TIME:** 7:00 p.m. **Location:** Elementary Campus Auditorium

Minutes Submitted by:

  
Robyn McFerren, DVM, CVA

Witness:

