

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
April 27th, 2021

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, April 27th, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Christopher Willingham (remote), Mark Hampton (remote), Beth Southern (remote), and Marty Danley (remote). Headmaster Kirby McCrary and Finance Officer Patty Bare were also present for the meeting. Mark Hampton called the meeting to order with Kirby McCrary providing the Invocation and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors David Hiatt, Rene Francis and Susan Campbell were not present for the meeting.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Beth Southern, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Marty Danley, the February meeting minutes were approved. Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Beth Southern, the March meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment: None

Report of Affiliated Organizations: None

Report of the Headmaster: Kirby McCrary presented the Headmaster's Report emphasizing the following items:

1. A new marketing strategy is in development, which includes a series of testimonials of students, parents, alumni, and teachers, brief video clips of good classroom teaching, a curated number of poignant taglines, and the possible expansion of the transportation.
2. Headmaster Kirby McCrary recommends that as the funds are available the school purchase a used, **rear-pusher bus**, the same as the school currently owns. This bus would provide a route to Dobson and the far side of Mount Airy.

Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Beth Southern the Board approved Mr. McCrary's recommendation to purchase a used rear-pusher bus to support a new route to Dobson and Elkin. This motion is contingent upon the Finance Directors confirmation of available Capital funds.

3. Headmaster Kirby McCrary recommends using Charter School Capital Marketing through October 2021 to assist with MCA marketing and to drive enrollment. Discussion followed. Recommendation was tabled to allow time for clarification on terms on the contract.
4. Thanks to the Director of the Office of Charter Schools Dave Machado and others charter schools may use a school designed and Office of Charter School approved **teacher evaluation**. For several years, MCA has continued to promote this ruling, and now with Superintendent of Public Instruction Catherine Truitt clarifying that the Office of Charter Schools can serve as the validating third party, charter schools no longer have to use the state's teacher evaluation for mentors or ILTs or anyone for that matter!! This is great news for charter flexibility and autonomy, and in particular it frees MCA to consistently form its teachers in a classical worldview.
5. MCA will host its **fourth commencement** at 10:00 on Saturday, May 29 in the upper school gym with all COVID-19 restrictions in force. Mr. Stan Jewell, CEO and President of the Renfro Corporation, will give the keynote address.
6. COVID Update

Report of the Treasurer: Christopher Willingham and Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. Patty Bare presented and discussed a proposal by Hoffman Mechanical Solutions for HVAC service for fiscal year

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2021-2022. Upon the motion of Beth Southern, seconded by Christopher Willingham the board agreed to enter into contract with Hoffman Mechanical Solutions for fiscal year 2021-2022. Patty Bare also discussed the Audit Service Contract with Petway Mills. Upon the motion of Beth Southern, seconded by Christopher Willingham, the Board approved the Audit Service Contract with Petway Mills.

Report of Standing Committees: Board Development: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

At 7:00 pm the Board approved the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Beth Southern, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Marty Danley

Attachments: Headmaster's Report



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