

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
May 26th, 2020

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, May 26th, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Francis, Christopher Willingham, Susan Shipley, Beth Southern and Marty Danley. Headmaster Kirby McCrary was also present for the meeting. Renee Francis called the meeting to order with Kirby McCrary providing the Invocation. Renee Francis led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors David Hiatt, Susan Campbell, Mark Hampton, and Lee Rierson were not present for the meeting

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

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, the April 2020 Regular 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. Jeanette Leonard, who has served the school well since its inception in 2000, is retiring at the end of this school year. She has worked as a kindergarten teaching assistant, helping to usher in new families as well as new kindergarten teachers.
2. Becky McMillian, who filled a vacancy in 2005, is retiring at the end of this school year. She has successfully taught first grade throughout her tenure at MCA.
3. Pam Braley, who began as a history/geography teacher in 2007, then in 2012 became the first Middle School Dean of Students & Dean of Academics, and then in 2014 assumed the role of MCA's first upper school director, is retiring at the end of July. With strength and wisdom she has lead the upper school from fledgling to early maturity.
4. Mr. McCrary recommends for hire Dr. Jarrid Looney to serve as the upper school director starting August 1, the day following Mrs. Pam Braley's retirement. This recommendation has the strong support of Upper School Director Pam Braley and Lower School Director Michael Reeves, who were a constant part of the interview process, as well as his references.
 - Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, the Board approved Mr. McCrary's recommendation to hire Dr. Jarrid Looney as the Upper School Director.
5. Mr. McCrary recommends for hire Kirby Hunter as a full time teaching assistant for the lower school. Replacing a retiring TA, Mrs. Hunter comes with an Associates Degree in early childhood from Surry Community College and five years experience teaching preschool. She is energetic, personable, and kindly assertive. Mrs. Hunter is already very familiar with MCA because her children are enrolled. She is an enthusiastic supporter of the school. Replacing a retiring TA, Ms. Hernandez
6. Mr. McCrary recommend for hire Alexa Hernandez as a part time teaching assistant for the lower school. Ms. Hernandez just finished her Associate Degree in childhood education from Surry Community College. She has been working in Lions Watch for several years, helping students with homework and with behavior. Her supervisor, Sheena Jarvis, says she has done well. Ms. Hernandez clearly loves to work with children, is humble and patient, and adapts quickly.

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- Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, the Board approved Mr. McCrary's recommendation to hire Kirby Hunter and Alexa Hernandez contingent upon campus instruction for the 2020-21 school year.
- 7. The drive-in commencement ceremony for MCA's twenty-six seniors was held Saturday, May 23 at 10:00am. In compliance with legal and health regulations and good practice, attendees watched from their vehicles and listened to a live FM broadcast of the program until their child walked across the stage. At that point family members could get out to get a better view and to take photos. Those in attendance as well as those unable to attend could watch a live streaming via Facebook feed. The school gave each senior a yard sign with his/her name, photo, graduating year, and the school's name and crest

The senior class has received acceptances at thirty-five colleges. Of the twenty-seven seniors, approximately 30% are going to four-year universities, about 50% to community college, about 15% to the military, about 5% are considering gap years.

Report of the Treasurer:

Susan Shipley gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report.

Report of Standing Committees:

Board Development: none

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

- Mr. McCrary outlined MCA's Delta Dental policy including cost. Upon the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Beth Southern, the Board approved \$47,200 for Delta Dental policy renewal.
- Mr. McCrary presented the revised 2020-21 school calendar. Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, the Board approved the revised 2020-21 school calendar.

At 6:30pm the Board approved the motion of Susan Shipley, seconded by Beth Southern to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report



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