

**MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Francis (remote) Christopher Willingham (remote), Carla Majure (remote), Druery Devore, Ann Jones (remote), and Marty Danley (remote). Headmaster Kirby McCrary and Finance Officer Patty Bare were 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 Mark Hampton, Susan Campbell, and Beth Southern were not present for the meeting.

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda:** Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Carla Majure, the proposed agenda was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes:** April minutes were unavailable

**Public Comment:** Druery Devore reflected on the 2022 MCA Commencement Ceremony

**Report of Affiliated Organizations:** None

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

1. Mr. McCrary recommends for hire Mr. Ángel Cartegena to serve as an upper school humanities teacher. He earned his BA in political science from Yale University, his JD in law from Boston College Law School, and his Th. M. in ministry from Northwestern Theological Seminary. He is currently working on his doctorate. He has taught history in grades 7, 9, 11, and 12. He particularly wants to work at MCA because of the school's vision for and philosophy of education, both of which he understands. The interview committee, including upper school director Jarrid Looney, strongly support his hire.
2. Mr. McCrary recommends for hire Stacy Vander Meeden to serve as an upper school humanities teacher. Ms. Vander Meeden earned her bachelor's degree in English from Calvin College and then her master's degree in education from Aquinas College. Beyond her formal education, she is also comfortable working with forensics and theater-related extracurricular activities. She has taught for fourteen years from eighth grade to twelfth-grade history and English. Upper school director Jarrid Looney and Mr. McCrary unreservedly support her hire.

Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Druery Devore, the Board approved the hire of Ángel Cartegena and Stacy Vander Meeden.

3. The search for a lower school director continues.
4. MCA produced three plays: "The Merchant of Venice" directed by teacher Eric Cook with rhetoric students, "Drama Extravaganza," a series of mostly comical short plays, directed by teachers Neal Dawes and Paul Rezzo with both dialectic and rhetoric students, and "Cinderella" directed by teacher Beverly Edwards with the grammar grades students. All were well received, strengthened the theater program, and helped end the year on a high note.
5. MCA has invited other classical schools in North Carolina to join our classical school conference, "A Life in Harmony," on August 12.
6. COVID Update

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**Report of the Treasurer:** Christopher Willingham and Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. The following items were discussed:

1. HVAC – The Board approved a motion by Ann Jones, seconded by Druery Devore, to enter in to contract with Pilot Air for \$13,500 per year for HVAC maintenance.
2. Carpet Cleaning – The Board approved a motion by Ann Jones, seconded by Carla Majure, for \$7,075 for carpet cleaning during summer maintenance.
3. Lower School Painting – The Board approved a motion by Ann Jones, seconded by Druery Devore, for \$6,500 for painting the lower school walls to replace the existing primary colors.
4. Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Ann Jones, the Board approved the use of a grant to provide a prorated \$800.00 supplement to MCA staff who completed the year and are not receiving severance pay.
5. Upon the motion of Druery Devore, seconded by Ann Jones, the Board approved the 2022-2023 budget which includes the state pay rate increases.
6. Effective immediately any bus expenditures over \$500.00 will require administrative approval.

**Report of Standing Committees:**

**Board Development:**

1. Beth Southern will resign her Board seat effective June 30, 2022.
2. Upon the motion of Ann Jones, seconded by Christopher Willingham, the Board approved the following changes effective July 1, 2022:
  - a. Druery Devore – Board Chair replacing Renee Francis
  - b. Carla Majure – Board Secretary replacing Marty Danley

**Unfinished Business:** Marketing – Mr. McCrary provided an update on lighting and digital sign installation.

**New Business:**

1. Facility Lease Agreement: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Druery Devore, the Board approved making a request to Millennium Properties for adjustment to the existing lease, from 41 ½ years to 50 years.
2. Personal Days: Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Druery Devore, the Board approved eliminating the \$50.00 Personal Day charge that was used to offset the cost of substitutes.
3. Druery Devore provided an update on the Sports Complex project.

At 6:30 pm the Board approved the motion of Ann Jones, seconded by Marty Danley, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted  
Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report



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