

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
August 31st, 2021

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, August 31st, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included Renee Francis (remote), 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. 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 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 with the removal of Hannah Poole from Public Comment was adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Christopher Willingham, the June meeting minutes with the removal of item 7 (blank line) from the Headmaster's report 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. Mr. McCrary recommends for hire **Lissa Carter** to serve as MCA's lower school director. Ms. Carter is a graduate of Emory and Henry College and UNC-Greensboro. She has a B.A. in elementary education and a M.A. in Library and Informational Studies. Upper school director Dr. Jarrod Looney also endorses her hire.
2. Mr. McCrary recommends for hire **David Hodge** to serve as teaching assistant in the upper school. Mr. Hodge has his Early Childhood education degree from Forsyth Tech, his B.S. in Sociology/Elementary Education from Winston-Salem State University, and his Master of Divinity from Gardner Webb Divinity School.

Upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Christopher Willingham, the Board approved the hiring of Lissa Carter to serve as lower school director and David Hodge to serve as teaching assist in the upper school.

3. Mr. McCrary recommends for approval the attached **School Mental Health Improvement Plan**. NC DPI is requiring all public schools "to adopt and implement a plan for promoting student mental health and wellbeing and for assessing and improving upon the effectiveness of supports for the mental and social-emotional health and substance use needs assessment and resource mapping to inform plan development."

Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Beth Southern, the board adopted the School Mental Health Improvement Plan presented by Headmaster Kirby McCrary.

4. **Kaley Pruitt**, who was first a student at MCA for many years and for the past five years MCA's IT assistant, is resigning to take a position that she believes will better use her educational background and skills.
5. Two thirds of the high school students who could have recovered lost academic credit participated in the school's first **Academic Recovery Camp** (ARC). Eligibility for ARC is determined by a student's year-end course average being within ten points of passing. Students successfully completing ARC receive graduation credit for the course(s) taken, but there is no impact on their GPAs.
6. MCA will run three **bus routes** down south Hwy 52 and one new route to Dobson and Elkin.
7. MCA's fall **professional development** centered around "Come further up, come further in!" This year and for the next several years, the school will work on deepening its understanding of classical education and strengthening its

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implementation of what has already been introduced. The center piece was a school-wide, conference-style conference, i.e., there were multiple breakout classes offered throughout the facility during each of the thirteen sessions.

8. COVID Update

Report of the Treasurer: Christopher Willingham and Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report. Upon the motion of Mark Hampton, seconded by Beth Southern, the June budget adjustments were approved.

Report of Standing Committees:

Board Development Upon the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Beth Southern, Dr. Druery DeVore was approved as a Board of Director of Millennium Education Foundation.

Unfinished Business:

Lighting: Parking area lighting cost for the upper school gym has increased from \$700 to 739.05 per month.

New Business: Kirby McCrary discussed marketing ideas including campus lighting, signage and banners.

At 6:50 pm the Board approved the motion of Christopher Willingham, seconded by Marty Danley, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report, Mental Health Improvement Plan



Agenda 8-31-21.pdf



**Headmaster's
Report 8-31-21.pdf**



**Mental Health
Improvement Plan.p**