

**Millennium Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023**

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on September 26, 2023, at 5:30 PM. Those directors present included Druery Devore (present), Christopher Willingham (present) James Crossingham (present), Susan Campbell (remote), Melinda Shew (present), and Ann Jones (remote). Headmaster, Paul Rezzo was present. Also, in attendance was Tia Gwyn, the finance director for MCA. Druery Devore called the meeting to order. Mr. Rezzo provided the invocation followed by Druery Devore leading all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adoption of Proposed Agenda: A motion to adopt the proposed agenda was made by Christopher Willingham and seconded by James Crossingham. The motion carried and the proposed agenda adopted.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from last month's board meeting are currently in the process of being drafted and will be subject to approval at the next meeting.

Public Comment: None

Report of Affiliated Organizations: None

Report of the Headmaster: Paul Rezzo presented the Headmaster's Report emphasizing the following items:

1. The new state budget passed. More information from the state is forthcoming and the school budget will be revised when the funding details are provided by the state.
2. MCA's charter is scheduled for renewal in 2025.
3. Paid Parental Leave for school employees was discussed. Charter schools are not required to offer this under the law (G.S.15C-218.90(a)(6)). The benefit is not fully funded by the state and charter schools are only able to opt in for a finite amount of substitute reimbursement for classroom teachers. More time was desired to think about it.
4. Stokes County families may not know enough or anything about MCA. Options for reaching out to them include postcards, billboards, and events in Stokes County.
5. Paul Rezzo spoke with Katy Ridenour, a professional grant writer with KLR partners. Mr. Rezzo shared her service options which he hopes to pursue.
6. Coach Ward confirmed the football/soccer field will be seeded in mid-fall.
7. Curriculum Night and Grandparents Day were two successful events at MCA this month.
8. Paul Rezzo has put forth a concise and impactful mission statement proposal.

Mr. Rezzo proposed, "The mission of Millennium Charter Academy is to form intelligent, virtuous citizens through classical education." The board contributed ideas and recommendations. Mr. Rezzo is scheduled to revisit this at the upcoming October board meeting. The deadline for submitting the revised version is November 14th.

Report of the Treasurer:

Christopher Willingham and Paul Rezzo met with the underwriter at First Horizon Bank to address the enrollment covenant. The bank is currently exploring the possibility of modifying the enrollment covenant to be more in line with the current structure of the school and general school enrollment statistics post-Covid. This adjustment aims to ensure the school's continued adherence to the terms of the contract.

Report of Standing Committees:

- a. Board Development: A motion was made by Christopher Willingham, seconded by James Crossingham and approved, to ask Melinda Shew to join the board.

Unfinished Business:

- a. James Crossingham accomplished the acquisition of a yellow bus for \$7,750.00 and two white buses for \$13,000. A motion was made by James Crossingham and seconded by Ann Jones to allocate an extra \$10,000 for repairs and maintenance. The motion carried.
- b. The Boosters presented a set of new bylaws for consideration. With the assumption that the bylaws specify amendments or additions must be approved by the MCA Board Of Directors, a motion for approval was made by Christopher and, James Crossingham seconded. The motion carried.

New Business:

- a. James Crossingham presented a range of fundraising and sponsorship concepts for the board's consideration. The discussion also delved into the possibility of engaging local businesses and explored various fundraising strategies. Among the topics deliberated was the prospect of hosting another event, possibly a Gala. The board plans to revisit these ideas during the upcoming October meeting.
- b. Because October's meeting falls on Halloween, October's board meeting will be held on Monday, October 30th at 5:30 PM.

Adjournment:

At 6:40 PM, a motion to adjourn was made by Christopher Willingham, seconded by James Crossingham. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Shew

Attachments:
Headmasters Report
Agenda