

**Millennium Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 30, 2024**

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on January 30, 2024 at 5:30 PM. Those directors present included Druery Devore (present), James Crossingham (present), Melinda Shew (present), and Ann Jones (present). 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 Melinda Shew and seconded by James Crossingham. The motion carried and the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of November Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from the November meeting were made by James Crossingham and seconded by Melinda Shew. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Report of Affiliated Organizations: None

Public Comment:

- a. Scarlet Hiatt shared ideas of raising money for the athletics department. She proactively engaged with Representative Stevens by sending an email to explore potential resources. Ms. Hiatt inquired about the MCA's affiliation with the NC Association for Public Charter Schools and the Coalition. Mr. Rezzo confirmed MCA is a member of the NC Association of Public Charter Schools, but not a member of the Coalition. Druery Devore confirmed there is a strategic plan in place, and Mr. Rezzo is meeting with Representative Stevens January 30th.
- b. Nichole Ashburn, our Athletic Director, delivered a comprehensive update during the meeting and sought clarification regarding the support from the Athletic Boosters. Mrs. Ashburn asked if Athletic Boosters are open to supporting any sport across all grades, including club sports. Druery Devore recommended compiling a list of existing clubs and sports for approval, a suggestion that will be delved into further during the new business section of the meeting.

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

1. Mr. Rezzo recommended hiring Mark Blalock to serve as EC Director and Teacher. A motion to hire Mr. Blalock as the EC Director and Teacher was made by Melinda Shew and seconded by Ann Jones. The motion carried.
2. Mr. Rezzo recommended moving Exceptional Children (EC) teacher, Fara Carson, from part time to full time for the last four months of this school year. A motion to move Fara Carson to full time was made by Ann Jones and seconded by Melinda Shew. The motion carried.

3. Mr. Rezzo provided the calendar draft of the 24-25 school year. A motion to approve the 24-25 school calendar was made by Ann Jones and seconded by James Crossingham. The motion carried.
4. On Thursday, January 25th, MCA was awarded \$45,679 from DPI's Center for Safer Schools to be used specifically for school safety equipment and technology.
5. For our charter renewal, there will be a virtual "visit" on Monday, March 25th, 2024. The official agenda will be published in the next upcoming weeks.
6. This year's House Bill 219, Charter School Omnibus, now allows charter schools to request money from counties for funding capital projects.
7. MCA is a member of the NC Association of Public Charter Schools, but not a member of the Coalition. MCA may consider joining the coalition in the future.
8. Mr. Rezzo invited Representative Stevens to visit MCA, January 31, 2024.
9. James Crossingham and Mr. Rezzo along with some students plan to travel to some local businesses to promote the school's mission and see if they are interested in supporting us financially.

Report of the Treasurer: None

Report of Standing Committees: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

- a. The board anticipates robust support from the Athletic Boosters for existing sports programs spanning from lower school to upper school. As part of the proposed budget review, the Athletic Boosters are requested to furnish a detailed list encompassing current club and conference sports, seeking approval.

In the event of introducing new clubs or sports, it is mandated that submissions for inclusion in the list be directed to Mr. Rezzo for thorough review and subsequent approval. This protocol ensures transparency and accountability in the process of incorporating additional clubs or sports into the supported programs.

Adjournment: a motion to adjourn was made by Druery Devore and seconded by Ann Jones. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melinda Shew

Attachments:
Headmasters Report
Agenda