

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Minutes of the 205th meeting held April 15, 2010 at 100 Longwater Circle, Norwell, MA.

Notice of this meeting was sent to appropriate governmental agencies and press, and was published in the "South Shore Charter Public School Update".

Trustees:

In attendance: Jeffrey Seglin (Chair), Cheryl Peterson (Vice Chair), Bill Smyth (Clerk), Brian Tyler (Treasurer), Miriam Brownwall, Paul Carberry, Deb Cerilli, Bob Gass, Jo Loughnane, Emily Merwin (ex officio), Maggie Reardon (Student), Mike Ryan, David Whitemyer

In absentia: Deidre Lamoureux, Michael Maniscalco, Loran Sanborn (ex officio)

Also in attendance:

Staff: Prudence Goodale (Executive Director), Kristine Shipps (Business Manager), Angie Pepin (Interim 7-12 Principal), Ted Hirsch (K-6 Principal), Nora Broderick (Level I), Amy Vandenberg (Level I)

Jeffrey Seglin (Chair) called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: B. Smyth moved to approve the amended minutes to the 204th meeting held March 25, 2010. Seconded C. Peterson, motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Reports

Academic Report:

Level I Staff, Nora Broderick and Amy Vandenberg presented a review of the projects offered on Level I which include dance, drama, poetry, community building, butterfly, and Holly Hill Farm...

School Reports: Prue Goodale

- The school has been busy hosting the four finalists for the position of Executive Director.
- Sarah Roberts and her students are being featured on Fox5 News at 8:45am April 22nd during the Earth Day broadcast. The winner of America's Greenest School has not been announced as of yet.
- The Senior class has had their last day of classes and will begin Senior Project Internships after the spring break...

Committee Reports:

Audience: no comment

Faculty: E. Merwin reported

- After meeting the Executive Director finalists, the majority of the faculty would be in support of a Board decision of either Kathy Egmont or Alicia Savage...

Student Report: M. Reardon reported

- Students would like for the school to revisit the Electronic Use Policy. Students would like to use their devices during breaks/lunch. The Board recommended that this policy be brought to School Council for review and to also be discussed at a meeting of the Bullying Taskforce. Compare policies are other local districts.

Development Committee: M. Brownwall

- Golf/Auction committee is very active planning for the June 11th event.
- The Annual Fund Phone-a-thon will be held on April 28th and 29th 5:30-8pm. D. Whitemyer volunteered to make calls.

Facilities: D. Whitemyer reported

- The meeting minutes were included in the Board package and should be amended to include Michael Maniscalco in attendance.
- Nothing new to report.

Finance Committee: B. Tyler reported

- Finance Committee meet prior to this meeting.
- Committee has been working on the FY11 budget and the Personnel Committee is still in negotiations with FASA.
- The negotiation team will reconvene on the Thursday following vacation.
- Finance Committee thanked K. Shipps for working and re-working the numbers as scenarios change.

Governance: B. Smyth reported

MOTION: B. Smyth to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee and accept Tessa Misiaszek and Jean Philogene as members of the Board of Trustees. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- A sample of the ballot was distributed for review of the Board.
- Governance Chair recommends that the Clerk of the Board not have to be tied to Governance Chair or to any other officer.

MOTION: B. Smyth to accept the ballot as presented. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Parents Association: no report

Executive Session:

MOTION: P. Carberry, M. Brownwall seconded, to enter into Executive Session. It was moved and voted upon unanimous roll call, individual voice vote to enter Executive Session for the purpose of non-union contractual negotiation. The Board will reconvene in Open Session.

Board Business:

- Agenda for the Special Board meeting to be held on Saturday, April 17th for the purpose of interviewing the finalist for the position of Executive Director.
- Board is reminded that the resumes and cover letters are public however, references are of private nature.
- Board will convene at 8:00am with interviews to begin at 8:30am.

MOTION: B. Gass moved to interview Kathy Egmont. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Gass moved to interview Sonia Diaz. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried 7 in favor; 2 opposed; 2 abstained.

MOTION: B. Gass moved to interview Marilee Cantalmo. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: B. Gass moved to interview Alicia Savage. B. Smyth seconded, motion carried unanimously.

- B. Gass will confirm with each candidate.

MOTION: B. Smyth to adjourn the meeting. M. Brownwall seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted:

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