

James Madison Charter Academy  
Minutes of the Board of Directors  
May 26, 2009

- Call to order I. Mrs. McNelly, Board of Director's President, called the meeting to order at 7:59 P.M.
- Pledge to Flag II. Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call III. Board of Directors Members Present:  
Mrs. Eischens, Mrs. Moses, Mrs. McNelly and Mr. Marcus.  
Mrs. Murphy is absent  
Dr. S and Mrs. Smith along with the teacher of the month Donna Knox ( teacher)are also present
- Approval of Agenda IV. Larry Marcus made a motion under section 6 committee report letter (F) for Administration business. No discussion. Kathy McNelly said that it would be added. Mr. Marcus made a motion to remove section 7B (calendar) review and revised 2009-2010 calendars. Vote-All ayes
- Unfinished Business V.  
A. Mr. Marcus made a motion that we sat the board Election for all forms to be received on 3 Aug and election the last week in Aug. Mrs. McNeely asked for 2<sup>nd</sup> before discussion, the was a 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mrs. Smith asked that IAW with the bi-laws we need an election sooner because of new seats. Dr S. suggest that we stick to the original recommendation which is to keep the original board while we wait on response from the lawyers. Mrs. Smith wants to make sure that the election is in accordance with the by-laws. Mrs. Moses said the meetings are to be led IAW Robert rules of order. Dr. S said Robert rules, applies only to the conduct of the meeting not the election is outside of a meeting. The reason for the new election is because of a conflict with dates IAW to the website. It is recommended by Dr. S that we extend the current Board Members until we have adequate time to inform parents and conduct a proper election. Mr. Marcus resounded his original motion and asks that the board table the election until we hear from the lawyer. Vote-All ayes  
B. Mr. Marcus recommended that we keep the board as is

until we resolve the election issues. Mrs. McNelly restated what Mr. Marcus said and the board will remain as is until we hear from the lawyers and then work on filling the three slots. Vote-All ayes Mrs. Smith said can we have something in place by the end of Aug. Mrs. McNelly said yes. Mrs. Moses asked about how the election will be conducted. Mrs. Smith explained the procedures. She and a district employee count the votes. Mrs. Moses suggested that a parent and an employee do the count instead of using Mrs. Smith because she already has a full plate. She would like for this to be something that we think about. Dr. S suggests that the board consider adding voting procedures to the bi-laws and policies. Mrs. McNelly asked if adding new procedures would require another meeting. Mr. Marcus said yes. Mrs. Moses would like for it to be a motion for a future meeting. She has volunteered to chair that committee for election procedures. Don Staton agreed to assist Mrs. Moses.

## Committee Reports

### VI.

#### A. Principal's Report

We got the kids out safe and did there were events everyday. The state city field trip went well. The PTO provided a pizza lunch and there was breakfast provided for the children from the food left over from the pokea run on Wednesday. The school had awards assembly and graduation; although it was long it was successful. The idea of field day being the last day went very well; the children were very tired when they got back. The teachers are working this week, wrapping things up, Doing inventory, cleaning and getting everything ready for the summer. Dr. S, had some ideas/suggestions for bi-laws changes for the BOD to consider working on either doing the summer or waiting for the new board in the fall. Also gave the BOD changes that would be made in the student handbook that were made for clarification along with the dress code. All those items were received items. She also shared an attentive schedule for the fall.

B. No BAC, report will meet again in August. Dr. S spoke with a parent who has some ideas and is interested in BAC; we could use a few more members.

C. Fund Raising report: The Mc teacher was very successful. The school made \$647.00 thru sales and \$143.00 for tips. The school will plan to do it again next year. The Poker Run is still scheduled for October. Would like to continue having skate city and chuck- e-cheese

every other month to spread it out a little, domino's is not one of the better deals. We will do the silent auction, even though it is a lot of work involved the school made a lot of money. We made around \$800.00

D. Public relation Vernell was absent. There are parents looking to help with that by way of yard signs, bumper stickers and magnets. Ads were placed at Fort Hood instead of locally since so many troops are scheduled to come here.

E. Finance Report Donna Smith start with the expenses that were regular expenses. There were classroom supplies for K & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for a new program, make of teachers salaries from when the school did the cut back for underpayment \$1646.00 to the University of Oregon for DIBLES which is paid out yearly. \$1337.15 for three bills 2 monthly and one for T-1. Mrs. McNelly asked if all of those payments will remain the same for next year? Mrs. Smith said they should. The expenditures were 67,282.09 for the month of April 09 year. It was recommended that the BOD ratify the expenditures of 67,282.09. Mrs. Moses made a motion to ratify expenses. Mr. Marcus 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Marcus questioned the projected budget for April. Mrs. Smith explained that once again it is just projected (estimate). VOTE All-Aye. Mrs. Smith went over the revenue grants first, and money from the PTO to put in the activity account and what is not needed will be returned. The primary purpose of the PTO fund raisers are for the grounds. Mrs. Smith asked the BOD to receive the budget tonight. She can go over it now or next month. Capitol construction was cut in more than half because of the economy. Next years the school will be given the capitol constructions monthly. This budget projected over estimate on expenditure which is good. Mrs. McNelly asked if there was a deadline do for the district. Mrs. Smith said no.

## New Business

### VII.

A. Acceptance of a new resignation. Mr. Marcus made a motion that the BOD expect the resignation for employee A for the 09-2010 school years. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup>. No discussion. Vote-All-Aye. Item B was removed which was on the calendar. Item C is the recommendation for the 09-10 contract for teachers and support staff. The BOD have been given a recommendation to renew contracts A,B,C,D,E,F,G. Motion request by Mrs. McNelly. Mr.

Marcus made a motion that contract A,B,C,D,E,F,G be renewed for the 09-2010 school year, Mrs. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Marcus wanted to look at things a little closer for more information from Dr. S concerning the method she uses to determine the release of teachers and staff. Mr. Marcus recommended that we table the renewal. Vote-All-Aye except for Mrs. McNelly, motion passed. Mr. Marcus made a motion that we approve contacts fro H, I, J, K. Mrs. Moses 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion is that these are the support employee for next school year; work hours per week to be determined. The motion is to renew contacts for employees, H, I, J, K. Vote-All-Ayes. Next items for business is the recommendation for renewal of students. Mr. Marcus made a motion that we do not renew students A, B, C, D due to obsessive absences and tardiness. Mrs. McNelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion: Mr. Marcus stated that half of the school year these children are gone. Mrs. Moses made comments (was unable to hear it). Motion by Mrs. McNelly is for non-renewal of students A, B, C, D and that all waivers be revoked. Vote-All-Aye. Recommended that student E be retained or that the boundary waver be revoke due to obsessive absences. Mrs. McNelly asked for a motion. Mr. Marcus made a motion that all wavers be revoke. Mr. McNelly had a question concerning the or option. Weather or not Dr. S. wanted to leave it up to Dr. S and the parents or retain the student for retesting at the being of the school year and if we need to decide on the option tonight. We need to let the parents no as soon as possible. The third items is an attendance contract or retrain her into K for the summer and she if student E is were they need to because there has been progress. Mr. Marcus made a motion to vote on his original motion. Motion failed. Mrs. McNelly suggested that we revamp the motion. Mrs. Eischens made a motion that the BOD go with the third option. Mrs. McNelly 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mrs. Moses had a question whether or not the child will go to the next grade if she retested successfully. All yes except Mr. Marcus. Motion passed. Student F has withdrawn. Mrs. Marcus made a motion that we require the family of student F to develop a plan for students for the up coming year. No more discussion. Vote-All-Aye. 4<sup>th</sup> recommendation, Mr. Marcus made a motion that we receive the parent report card pending further evaluation. Parent report card be received and review for next year.

Next Board Meeting

VIII.  
Monday June 29<sup>th</sup>

Adjournment

9:37