

James Madison Charter Academy
MINUTES of the Board of Directors
Special Meeting
(24 June 2008)

- Call to Order** Mrs. McNelly, Board of Director's President, called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call** Board of Directors members present:
Mr. Donald Staton, Mrs. Vernell Murphy, Mr. Lawrence Marcus, Mrs. Kathy McNelly and Mrs. Lucy Stewart.
Dr Anne Shearer-Shineman, Mrs. Brittany McCulloch
- Approval of Minutes** 19 May 2008 Minutes approved by consent
5 June 2008 Special Meeting approved by consent.
- Committee Reports** Principal:
Last month: Went to training in Denver - MCREL training for power walk-thru training. Provided software and training for classroom walk-thru to help track data entered in Palm-pilot. License for software was part of fee.
Next month: None
Other issues/requests: Mrs. McCulloch – Asked about cell phone collections for fund raising.
Mr. Staton stated that he was running that, please call him on his cell phone for more information
Mrs. McCulloch – Parents were not aware on a continuing basis of how many hours they have for volunteering. Can we please come up with away to send out volunteer hours to parents. Perhaps if they meet and exceed hours give them a discount for next year. Also, some sort of gift/lunch/certificate. Reward or thank you for what they have done.
Mrs. McNelly – two issues, one involving parents not knowing how many hours they have, and then the final notice that they have finished the hours.
Dr. S will make this a bookkeeping issue for the secretary to follow thru with.
- PTO report:
Met 5 June. Discussed fundraising. Will make sure that parents and school know when and what fundraiser and what date and time the PTO are doing them.
PTO is still 4 short on positions. Will talk about that at the back to school meeting.

Committee reports (cont)

Treasures Report: Expenditure report for the month of May.
Mr. Marcus – Motion to table the expenditure report until we can ask about status of Mobile Mini, Phone/copier expenses.
2nd by Mrs. Stewart.
Mrs., McNelly – the money is spent, so we cannot stop it.
Mr. Marcus – Understand, however the board is responsible, and we have to have our questions answered before we approve the report, otherwise it's just a rubber stamp approval.
Vote: All aye, none opposed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

- 1) Approve policy DC, GBCAI, GCE
Mr. Marcus made motion to approve the policies as written.
2nd by Mrs. Murphy.
Vote: All aye, none opposed.

- 2) Opportunity for public to be heard:
 - A) Mrs. Marcus – is it ok to have children not in full dress uniform for the parades during the hot months.
Mrs. McNelly – As long as they are in a regular
 - B) Mrs. Moses – Sent in the letter about a possible school uniform change.
Mrs. McNelly – Is a received item, and will be discussed for the next meeting.

- 3) Act on recommendation to accept the resignation of employee A and B
Mrs. Stewart – Motion to accept the resignation of employee A and B
2nd by Mr. Marcus
Discussion:
Mrs. McNelly – Is this because of moving..?
Dr. S – Salary, both of them. Cannot discuss more in open session.
Mr. Marcus – the employees are gone no matter what, so this is a pro forma vote to let them go.
Vote: All Aye, none opposed.

- 4) Act on recommendation to use a percentage of any increase in the budget as a result of the October student count to provide bonus's to teachers
Motion by Mrs, Stewart
2nd by Mr. Marcus

Discussion:

Mr. Marcus – what percentage are we talking about?

Dr. S – based on what other costs may happen in the budget. She expects to pay for the other costs first.

Mrs. McNelly – we do not get the money until January, So we would not know what amount until then.

Dr. S – Correct. So if we got extra kids we could have a huge amount of money. Instead of adding to the budget, wants to use it as bonus.

Mrs. McNelly – So we would could determine the percentage now, but not have to decide on the amount until Jan?

Mr. Marcus – So if we get extra money, and we use some for bills, are we going to give the teachers the remainder of the money, or a percentage of the remainder of the money. We can leave the motion as it stands, that we give the teachers a PERCENTAGE of the remainder of the money.

Dr S – Correct

Vote: all aye, none opposed.

5) Act on Recommendation to approve the revised parent handbook for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mr. Marcus – made motion

2nd by Mrs. Murphy

Discussion:

Mr. Marcus – We wanted to add some language for enforcement of tardies/absences and uniform violations.

Dr. S. – Will not be here and the books need to be copied. She won't be back until one week prior to school. You can always do a separate pack or flyer for the parents.

Mrs. Murphy – Can do a one page insert in the handbook

Mrs. Stewart – then we will not be able to have the parents sign it?

Mrs. McNelly – We can do a separate one page item that the parents have to sign and return. We can do that in time for back to school night.

Mr. Staton – What do you want to get added to the handbook?

Mr. Marcus – Language to attach consequences and enforcement for uniforms, tardies, and absences.

Vote: All aye, none opposed

6) Act on recommendation to hire Mayotte & Varner as JMCA bookkeepers, and that we no longer use the services of WSD3

Mr. Marcus – Made motion

2nd Mrs. Murphy

Discussion:

Mr. Staton – When are we informing WSD3 about this.

Dr.S – tomorrow, we already gave them a heads up in April.

Mrs. McNelly – WSD3 will have to finish out the fiscal year.

Vote: All aye, none opposed.

Mr. Marcus – made motion to move to executive session to discuss budget numbers and to conference call with the business manager.
2nd by Mrs Stewart

Moved to executive session at 8:15

Moved into open session at 9:31

Mr. Marcus – Motion to approve the proposed budget for the 2008-2009 school year using option 1 of the presented options.

2nd by Mrs. Stewart.

Discussion: None

Vote: all aye, none opposed.

Next Board Meeting

28 July 2008

Adjournment

9:34