

Charter Day School



Charter Day School Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Board Meeting

4 PM; Thursday June 28, 2012, Activity Center

Attendance	Trustees: Lori Boldt Mark Cramer Baker Mitchell Lee Monroe Donnie Norris Others: Mark Dudeck, Assist. Treasurer Barbra Jones, RBA Community Relations Greg Katzman, Attorney
Executive Session	none
Call to Order	Donnie called the meeting to order at 4:12 PM with a quorum of 5 present.
Review of Present & Future Agenda Items	No changes.
Approval of Minutes	The April minutes were reviewed and on motion by Donnie, seconded by Lee, they were unanimously approved as written.
Communications To/From Board	none
RBA Report	<p>Baker said that a closed session was needed to discuss the funding disputes with the counties. Donnie moved and Mark seconded a motion to go into closed session and the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>[During the closed session the status of the various funding disputes and proposed settlements with the counties were reviewed and discussed. During the closed session a settlement agreement was voted on to be accepted that must be held confidential until the other party had fulfilled its terms. The motion to accept was made by Baker, seconded by Donnie and carried unanimously. On motion by Mark seconded by Donnie the board voted to return to open session]</p> <p>Baker reported very briefly on his assessment of the most recent NC Public Charter School Advisory Council meeting</p> <p>Baker reported on the three-day charter school seminar to which he had been invited by Hillsdale College. Hillsdale provided for all expenses except travel.</p>

There were about 60 invitees from around the country and a number of critical aspects of the K-12 education system were discussed and expounded upon by Hillsdale professors. Baker said that Hillsdale announced that they were closing down their education school for certifying teachers. They cited the fact that Michigan regulations and accreditation requirements were driving out content coursework and that the emphasis on process rather than knowledge had watered down the curriculum to point where they did not feel it constituted a bone fide degree program that could produce competent, knowledgeable teachers.

Baker also reported on the activities of the NC Alliance for Public Charter Schools and urged the directors to attend the state conference in Charlotte on July 22-24 and handed out a program on the event. Attendance was free to charter school board members.

Barbra reported on the status of the Douglass Academy project. The subcommittee approved the application to go before the whole council for an interview in July and that Douglass was scheduled for 3:30 on July 16th. Despite less than two weeks' notice, it was important that every director attempt to attend. She handed out the letter from OCS along with the concerns of the subcommittee that had to be addressed in the interview. Transportation would be provided by a van that would leave the Best Buy parking lot on College at Noon on the 16th.

Next, Mark described in detail the search and interview process undertaken for the replacement of Eric as Middle School director. As described in the memo, over 70 applications had been received and narrowed down to four finalists who were extensively interviewed. The first choice, a VA resident working for DOD, declined to accept the job due to a very wide salary disparity, and the second choice was Geoff Gorski. Geof had been selected by Mark to handle the duties on an interim basis with the understanding that he would be returning to the classroom. Geoff was highly recommended by Mark for his handling of the school during this period and the selection committee concurred in his appointment. Geoff accepted the position.

Mark next announced that Headmaster Jennifer Beamer was returning to Baltimore to be with her family and that we would lose her husband TJ who been our Manager of Maintenance. Both would be sorely missed. Mark said that he could step in for an extended time as Headmaster for a number of months until a suitable replacement could be found and trained.

Mark next discussed the needed authority for RBA to file Title I and other federal grant application on behalf of the corporation. On motion by Lori and seconded by Donnie, the board approved the authority for RBA to file federal grant applications unanimously.

Regarding year-end testing, Mark reported the unofficial composite EOG scores: CDS = 85.7% of tests were passed, and CCS 87.4% of tests were passed.

Finally Mark reported briefly on the National Alliance conference in Minneapolis. He said that the quality of the sessions was not as good as in prior

	<p>years, and he was disappointed in its content.</p> <p>CFO Mark Dudeck next presented the 2012-2013 budgets that were substantially the same as those presented to the board in April. Mark said that the budgets had not been revised to reflect the 1.2% salary increase approved by the GA, nor had revised allotment amounts been received from DPI. Nor was any county funding received due the dispute resolutions included in the revenue. In summary the budgets were very conservative and would need to be revised at the next meeting to reflect inclusion of the items mentioned. Mark stated that the revisions would make substantial increases to the fund balances for both schools.</p> <p>On motion by Donnie, seconded by Lee, the board unanimously approved the CDS budget showing a \$4,585 fye surplus. Baker and Mark abstained.</p> <p>Lee asked for clarification that the surpluses to which were been referred were surpluses that would be retained by the schools and not the management company. Mark Dudeck assured him that they were all retained by the schools and that the board had a goal of increasing the fund balances to allow for three months of normal expenses in the event of some emergency.</p> <p>On motion by Lori, seconded by Donnie, the board unanimously approved the CCS budget showing a surplus of \$128,362. Baker and Mark abstained.</p> <p>Finally, Mark Dudeck discussed the employee retirement plan and suggested Petway, Mills, and Pearson to conduct the 401K audit of the BB&T servicing of our retirement plan. On motion by Mark, seconded by Lori, the board unanimously approved Petway as the auditors for the 401K plan.</p>
<p>CDS- "School of Distinction"</p>	<p>N/R</p>
<p>CCS "School of Distinction" "High Growth"</p>	<p>N/R</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>On a motion by Lori and seconded by Lee, the board ratified the actions taken with Mark and Baker abstaining.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Donnie adjourned the meeting at 6:20 PM.</p>