



Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2023
7:00 p.m. (Virtual - Zoom/Facebook Live)

Members Present:

Kate Day, Kimberly Potter, Allen Jackson, Lee Hopkins, David Butler, Ana Ryneerson, and Maria Mills (Director)

Absent:

Absent – Dan Gibson

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm and hosted via zoom by Facebook Live by Board Chair, Kate Day.

Chair Kate Day read the mission statement:

Carolina Charter Academy prepares students for a lifetime of learning by developing their natural passion for discovery and problem-solving. Students are immersed in an engaged learning environment where they develop knowledge-based education to better understand the world around them.

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Day emailed out the September 2023 meeting minutes prior to the meeting. Mr. Allen moved that the October 2023 minutes be adopted, Ms. Ryneerson seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Public Comments:

Ms. Day stated public comments are welcome and will be gathered in the Facebook comments, which will be read at the conclusion of the meeting once back from closed session.

Officer's Reports

Chair's Report: Chair provided a short history of the school and commended the school for its growth. Ms. Day commented regarding rumors of teacher attrition and provided the rates of vacancy in teacher positions in nearby counties. Ms. Day commended Ms. Mills on her leadership and gave examples of her work. Ms. Day thanked the community members for their involvement. Ms. Day explained that we are transitioning from a working board to a governing board. As part of that, Ms. Day indicated that she is investigating a platform called Board on Track. Additional information will be forthcoming for our consideration.

Treasurer's Report:

Mr. Allen reviewed the September budget. The budget looks solid and we thank Ms. Mills for her work.

Director's Report:

Ms. Mills updated the Board as follows:

- Thanked the Board for the supportive words.
- PMR (principal monthly report) we are at 817, which is not a lot of movement from last month. Many charter schools don't offer additional seats after this point but if there are additional seats, we may have a few additions if it helps families. This may allow the school to round out families and allow siblings to attend if there are additional spots that open.
- Academic updates— At the elementary grades, along with the 89% growth this year, we have confirmed the alignment of standards.
- Middle school updates—Our Beta club is growing. The students are now expanding what they are doing. This is for grades 5-8.
- Professional Development—We have been supporting staff to have professional development and be able to bring that back to the community.
- Athletics—We are almost done with the fall sports. Volleyball won a tournament recently. Winter sports tryouts will start soon. In addition, we are exploring adding sports in the spring, baseball, softball, and coed golf.
- Audit update—CCA has completed its part and waiting on Acadia. This is part of what is needed for our next renewal.
- Ms. Mills reminded the Board of personnel contracts that will present during closed session.
- Ms. Mills explained that there was a lightning strike which impacted the HVAC and the fire panel. There is only one manufacturer for our elevator and it was hit by lightning as well. School has filed on the insurance and it is underway. The elevator was completely fried. The estimate for repair was \$27,000. We will pursue the insurance claim with a \$5000 deductible.

New Business

- High school expansion update—nothing significant to update. Several members of the Board will meet with Highmark next week and discuss with them the requirements that would be necessary in order for us to continue working with Highmark. Ms. Gibson reached out to several design build firms for us to evaluate that as a potential option.
- SB 49 update—Ms. Ryneerson shared that she sat in on a webinar to assist us in being in compliance in January with the new law. We are still gathering information and considering what we need to do. Ms. Mills shared that we are doing many of things already.
- Ms. Potter made a motion to change the name from Carolina Charter Academy: CFA to Carolina Charter Academy. Ms. Ryneerson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pursuant to NCGS section 143-318.11, the Board moved into closed session to address employment contracts.

During closed session Ms. Mills shared information on three potential employment contracts.

Upon return to open session, at 8:24 p.m., Ms. Day shared that the Board discussed employment contracts. Ms. Ryneerson made a motion to support the three employment contracts discussed during closed session. Ms. Potter seconded it and the motion carried.

Mr. Hopkins reviewed the Facebook page and read those comments.

Adjournment

Ms. Potter moved to adjourn, Ms. Ryneerson seconded and the motion passed. Adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Ms. Day announced that next Board meeting would be Wednesday, November 8, 2023.