

*Escambia Charter School, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
August 22, 2017
Minutes*

Members Present: Jacquelyn Smith, Calvin Avant, & Timothy Grier

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Taravell McKinnies, Cyndi Amerson & Gene Mitchell

I. CALL TO ORDER: THE CHAIRPERSON

The meeting was called to order at the school campus, at 3:00 p.m., and Mrs. Smith asked if anyone was on the public forum, and I stated, no.

Mr. Gene Mitchell was introduced to the board. He is a prospective board member. Mr. Stanberry will not be able to serve on the board due to personal reasons; he wrote an email in reference to this.

III. Financials:

We did not have a copy of our financials, but the board reviewed the audited financials from Saltmarsh. The board received a letter from Saltmarsh as well.

IV. APPROVALS

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Smith asked the board if they read the minutes from June 20, 2017, and asked them to approve them. **The motion was made to approve the minutes by Dr. Calvin Avant, seconded by Mr. Timothy Grier, all approved.**

Out of Field Teachers: The board discussed the certification for teachers, and discussed two teachers being out of field; one in English and the other in Digital Info Tech. **A motion was made by Mr. Timothy Grier to approve the Out of Field Teachers for the 2017-2018 school year, seconded by Dr. Calvin Avant, all approved, the board chair signed the approval letters.**

Mrs. Smith asked Ms. McKinnies to talk about the teachers. Ms. McKinnies talked about the teachers on staff. The board talked about the science teacher and the classroom. Dr. Avant stated do you think if the teacher received some training that would help. Our math teacher came last year in October, and just informed us that his last day is Friday. He has been offered another position.

We are looking for a math teacher and possibly a science teacher, and may have to get a substitute. Mrs. Smith asked if someone was called at the District about needing a teacher/substitute. Ms. McKinnies stated that she has reached out to someone at the district about a substitute teacher. Mrs. Smith said to contact UWF for possible teachers. Mrs. McKinnies informed the board that one of the teachers asked about being paid spread over 10 months, and the board stated, no, we cannot not change from what we are doing now.

The board agreed on Mr. Mitchell serving on our board. **A motion was made for Mr. Gene Mitchell to be elected on our board by Mr. Timothy Grier, seconded by Dr. Calvin Avant, all approved.**

V. UPDATES

Ms. McKinnies informed the board of the enrollment that we are at now, which is around 75.

The board talked about doing something positive for the students. Ms. McKinnies said last year we had "Student of the Month," and she also, wants to do positive things for them; like a field trip, pizza party and movie day, and motivate them to do better academically as well. Mr. Mitchell said he would talk to a sponsor about gift cards for those that do well academically. Mr. Grier said get some support and sponsors in here and that would motivate them. Mr. Grier talked about Sandy Sansing being a sponsor, and possible employment for the students. Dr. Avant said graduation is a selling point, these students actually graduate. Ms. McKinnies informed the board that we received an Ascend grant for books and software.

Mr. Mitchell said to inform him of the next report card date, and let him know the students who received a 2.0 grade point average and higher. Mr. Grier said possibly 30 percent of the population if we had 110 students. The board agreed this would give them something to strive for.

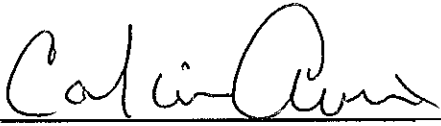
Dr. Avant talked about the clientele of the students that we are receiving. Ms. McKinnies stated that we have received a mix of students. Mr. Avant asked about Northview High School, and stated that we use to get a lot of students from them; they must have changed their placement procedures. Ms. McKinnies informed the board that she has went to Escambia High School and Washington High School, recently, and gave them information about our school.

The board talked about Open House, Dr. Avant wants to come out and talk about the training program.

The board had no other questions and information at this time.

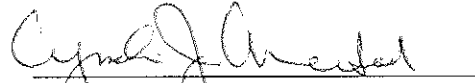
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m., and signed this 22nd day of August 2017. The next scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at 3:00 p.m., at the Escambia Charter School Campus.

Signed: 

Dr. Calvin Avant,
Board Secretary
Escambia Charter School

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Cyndi Amerson
Recording Secretary