

Escambia Charter School, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
November 28, 2017
Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Taravell McKinnies, Cyndi Amerson, & Susan Rigby

I. CALL TO ORDER: THE CHAIRPERSON

The meeting was called to order at the school campus, at 3:04 p.m., and Mrs. Smith asked if anyone was on the public forum, and I stated, no.

III. FINANCIALS:

Mr. Duncan was not present, but he did send some information to Mr. St. Cyr, to review, which could possibly be a \$4000.00 savings out of the general account. Mr. St. Cyr's office is going to create a report for the board in reference to this. Mrs. Rigby is going to check with his office to see where he is at. The School District board workshop is on December 8th. Ms. McKinnies informed the board the balances in the bank accounts. We can meet payroll, and we have already invoiced the district for December. Mrs. Rigby talked about appealing to certain students and getting our count up. Ms. McKinnies talked to the board about a few students wanting to go back to their district school in January, therefore, Mrs. Rigby is going to verify this information, and she asked for their student numbers. The October financials were reviewed by the board. The flux analysis was not included in the financials.

IV. APPROVALS

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Smith asked the board if they read the minutes from October 24, 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.**

V. UPDATES

Ms. McKinnies informed the board that we had a history teacher resign, and we are looking at hiring someone else, that was fingerprinted today. We still need a Math teacher, which Ms. McKinnies is still carrying the position. Ms. McKinnies talked about testing and coordinating that with Mrs. Rigby. Mrs. Smith asked if we do enroll 120 students, will 6 teachers be sufficient, and Ms. McKinnies said, yes.

Mrs. Smith sent a letter to Gulf Power, for a possible donation and they stated they would help us, but not with what was presented to them. They are looking ideally for helping with curriculum material, and equipment; something that can help the students. Ms. McKinnies said we could use reading computers, and there are around 25 in the class. Mrs. Rigby said if you have details of what kind of computers you are needing, you can have that information ready for them. Mrs. Rigby asked if the school could use some smart boards, which are available. Dr. Avant asked if we are going to have a track team, and if so, we could ask Gulf Power about helping with that. Mrs. Smith asked Ms. McKinnies about her School Choice meeting at Washington; Ms. McKinnies said it went well, even though it was not the student's that we usually cater to. The board stated that you never know, and it never hurts to get the school's name out there. Mrs. Rigby said it is good that you went. Ms. McKinnies said a lot of the students were younger, and looking for an academy, but it was good that she attended.

Mrs. Smith talked about doing a billboard for advertisement, and is going to table the billboard for next year. Dr. Avant said the billboard will paint a picture to what we offer. Ms. McKinnies informed the board that Mr. Marsh, from PHS brought some possible students out to our school for a field trip. He brought about 12 students for possible enrollment, which are now in the lieu of program at PHS. He wants to foster a program from their school to ours, and for these students to be able to go back to their home school when they show improvement.

Mrs. Smith asked if we have heard anything about our school lunches, and we have not heard anything. Mrs. Smith said based on our FTE count last year, we are eligible for some money from DOE, the Florida School Recognition Program Award Ballot, around \$8,950.00, which would be divided among the staff. We were thinking about it for Christmas bonuses, and we will have to prepare a plan, and do ballads from the staff for the plan. This money can only go directly to the staff. Mr. Grier said even the person that just resigned should be eligible for some of the money, so he can reflect on that decision.

Dr. Avant talked to the board about what he would tell some of the students; he said, "if this is working for you, stay at the Charter School, why leave." Mrs. Smith said we need some positive (8 X 14) posters the students can read in the all of the classrooms, and also making positive announcements about student's that achieve and do well, would be good for encouragement as well. Mrs. Smith asked if we will have a full track team or sprinters. Ms. McKinnies said, we are trying to work with them due to their grades. The board talked about tutors to help them; sometimes you can do group tutoring like 2 at a time.

Mrs. Smith asked how long does credit recovery usually take. Ms. McKinnies said if you are focused, you can complete 3 or 4 lessons per night, with a total of 40 lessons to complete, therefore, little less than a month if you are dedicated.

Mrs. Smith said when they complete the credit recovery to announce that and recognize the student. Dr. Avant said a tutor could keep them stay focused. Mrs. Smith said where could we put a tutor, and Ms. McKinnies, said room 3.

The board talked about buses and the potential bus driver. Meanwhile, the 2 bus drivers are driving 3 zones. Ms. McKinnies said we will have to talk to Saltmarsh about our invoice due to them. Mrs. Smith stated we will need the revenue expenditures from Mr. Duncan from November to end, for the board workshop on December 8th.

Dr. Avant is going to come out in January to talk to the eligible students about the environmental program, which if you are in the 12th grade, and are 18 years old, you can apply.

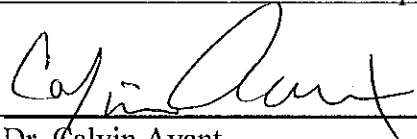
Mr. Grier asked what we have planned for Christmas for the school. Ms. McKinnies said they talked about a talent show. Mrs. Smith said a scavenger hunt would be good, but it is a lot of work. Mr. Grier said for the students that are doing well, try to get together and have an ice cream party or some type of party, monthly. Ms. McKinnies said we are still doing student of the month. If we have a monthly party we would allow the student of the month, and the credit recovery students participate in the party, as well as those that are achieving and doing well. Mrs. Smith said to take a picture of the "student of the month" and post the picture. The board talked about enforcing the dress code with sagging pants.

The withdrawal listing was reviewed by the board.

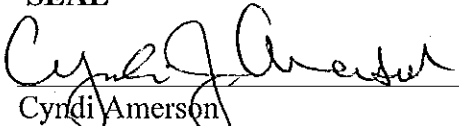
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m., and signed this 28th day of November 2017. The next scheduled board meeting will be on Tuesday, January 30, 2018, 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