



Board Meeting Minutes Nov 20, 2023

Board Members Present: Joe McDowell, Tom Winslow, Ricky Cannon, Hope MacNeill, Shanna James, Vicki Dougherty, Nicole Flanary and Jean Spruell.

Staff Present: Juliana Harris

Guest Present: None

The meeting was called to order by Joe McDowell at 6:38 pm.

Review of mission statement by Joe McDowell.

No public comment.

Quote of the day: *"The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of."* Henry David Thoreau

Motion to approve agenda by Nicole, 2nd by Shanna. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve minutes from October 23, 2023 by Ricky/Shanna. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Committee Reports

Building and Grounds

- Updates provided on building structure; steel should be on the grounds in December, asphalt will be installed, possible need for retaining wall. (Recommendations were made during a meeting with Chad Hardison.)
- Handicap accessibility discussed.
- Price increase for doors and frames (9 entrance doors)
- Dumpster will be located on the back right corner.
- Parking will be provided on new grounds.
- 15 passenger van needed.
- Updates provided on bus maintenance.
- Lights will be installed in parking soon.
- Juliana discussed some PT help with bus maintenance. She will meet with someone interested. Couple hours a week would be needed.



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Finance

Review October 2023 finance reports:

- SRSA grant money and Title 1 money (funds reported will change once all funds are available).
- Bond update; update provided by Juliana and Joe.

Academic Excellence

- College Acceptances & Scholarships, Juliana provided an update. Seniors receiving college acceptance letters. Financial aid night took place tonight. (CFNC) 17 seniors
- Title 1 Monitoring Visit (visits take place on 4 yr rotation); Title 1 night took place last week. Updates on teachers experience and school had a good turn out.

Governance

- Student Enrollment Update, under 519. Waitlist in each grade.
- Safety grants submitted; included doors being repaired, visitor signing in and a program identified by AP that will benefit students.
- Fence for the playground.
- Wireless electronics; survey went out to parents. $\frac{2}{3}$ of parents wanted kids to have access to phones during school hours. Letter went out to parents addressing the concern about wireless devices. Overall, students have met expectations of leadership. Improvements since letters went out and discussion with teachers being consistent with expectations. Students are turning in phones at the beginning of each class period. No access during lunch.

Closed Session; no closed session

Motion to adjourn by Shanna, 2nd Tom. Motion carried unanimously.

Next tentative meeting: Jan 29, 2024

Minutes recorded by Shanna James.