



## Compass Middle Charter School Board Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2023

I. **Welcome/Call To Order** – Ms. Amicone called meeting to order 9:35am.

II. **Roll Call**

Present – Bethany Amicone,, Randy Barnes, Harry Williams, Marie Schultz-Borglund – Accountant, Anita Fine - Principal, Shelly Wilson – Parent Liaison

III. **Public Comment:** (Three Minute Limit Allowed Per Person)

None

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes-Randy Barnes

Seconded – Bethany Amicone

The board voted to approve the minutes as written

V. **Update on School Activities**

**Anita Fine**

**SIP** – Fine sent the SIP prior to the board for their review. Summary of the SIP is Compass is still Maintaining and have 2 areas that will be the focus this year. One is positive behavior. Last year, Compass had students with too many absences that does hinder success in the classroom. This year, Compass will have periodic rewards for attendance, grades, behavior, etc. The second area to focus is MTSS since we have so many learning gaps. We will some of our ESSER funds to bring Ms. Wilson out of the classroom to allow her time to work in small group for intensive remediation. We have observed many of our students struggle with decoding, which causes fluency issues which is tied to comprehension. She works with ESE students as well, so we can also move funds around and IDEA if needed. We do have interviews for the reading position as well as the Science position. Ms. Dorado resigned from Compass after 10 years to pursue a position at her church.

**Motion to approve the SIP** – Randy Barnes

**Second the motion** – Bethnay Amicone

**The board approved the SIP as it is written**

**Internet Policy** – There’s a new mandate that will be coming out at the end of the month that states we need to improve how we secure student data when we use different companies that take student information, such as technology based curriculum. It is easier for Compass since we

are on Bartow Middle campus and we utilize their filter. Compass internet policy is the same as the districts.

**Motion to approve the internet policy** – Bethany Amicone

**Second the motion** – Randy Barnes

**The board voted to approve the internet policy**

**Out of Area Teachers** – Compass has a reading teacher working out of field. She is not certified in reading, but is currently enrolled in the Reading Endorsed classes. She was hired at the end of last year in March, fairly new to reading, Ms. Wilson has been mentoring with her.

**Motion for reading out of field teacher** – Bethany Amicone

**Second the motion** – Randy Barnes

**Board approved the reading teacher out of field**

Annette Custodio is out of field in ESOL. She has completed all her courses, just needs to add ESOL to her teaching certificate.

Motion for ESOL out of field – Bethany Amicone

Second the motion – Harry Williams

Board approved ESOL out of field teacher

Science – currently have a substitute teacher in Science. Interview a potential replacement soon.

Motion to approve substitute in Science – Harry Williams

Second the motion – Randy Barnes

The board approved the use of a substitute in science while the search continues for a replacement.

**VI. Financial Report**

**Marie Schultz-Borglund**

Marie sent the budget prior to the meeting for the board to review. Looking at the FEFP, it will end \$42,000 in the red, however, it was budgeted to be \$90,000 in the red. Esser funds helped offset and will next year as well. Transportation which is a large expenditure, but still better than what was budgeted. This is the board meeting when the board approves fiscal year 2023 actuals to then be the budget. FTE was low, mainly parents wanting to homeschool their student instead of working through challenges. Right now the FTE is 163, we are actually doing pretty good with FTE this year.

The audit is September 25.

Motion to approve the budget – Randy Barnes

Second the motion – Bethany Amicone

The board voted to approve the Fiscal year 2023 budget

**VII. Board Questions/Concerns**

**none**

**VIII. Miscellaneous: New Board Candidate**

**Sharon Hardaway** – Bethany provided a review of what the candidate stated and what the board discussed at the last meeting when Sharon was brought to the board for the open board seat.

**Motion to approve Sharon as new board member** – Bethany Amicone

**Second the motion – Randy Barnes**

**The board voted to approve Sharon Hardaway as new board member**

McBath – as of date of the board meeting, McBath has not completed his training. Coach has been reminding him to complete. He is past his 90 days to complete. If he has not completed his training by the next board meeting, the board will consider a new member.

**Adjourn:**

Bethany Amicone adjourned the meeting at 10:10

**Approval of Board Member:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Board Term Limits:**

Bethany Amicone, Board Chair-2025

Randy Barnes-2025

Harry Williams - 2023

**NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING**

**October 9, 2023 at 9:30 am**