

Board Minutes

Date: October 13, 2020

Location: Virtual

Board Members Present: Ray Strain, Barbara Marchioni, Cindy Pierce, Kira Royal, Nancy Herrick

Guests: DOE Leaja Horne

Public Attendees: None

Call to Order:

- Meeting called to order at 4:39, and Kira Royal read the mission statement aloud.

Minutes Approval:

- Full Board review of the September meeting minutes.
 - Upon a motion by Ray Strain, seconded by Barbara Marchioni, and unanimously approved by roll call, it was:
 - **MOVED: To accept the minutes.**
- Ray Strain presented amended agenda.
 - Upon a motion by Barbara Marchioni, seconded by Nancy Herrick, and unanimously approved by roll call, it was:
 - **MOVED: To accept the amended agenda.**

Other Business:

*Leaja Horne presented an overview of personnel developments including a teacher withdrawal and two teaching assistants who have special circumstances impacting ability to be present. Hiring of new teacher and multiple TAs will be pursued. Majority of parents seemed to deal fine with no concerns and remaining were concerned over timeframe of replacement.

* Bus would not start on the morning of the 13th, mechanic was notified. Issue appears to be fuel pump, which only a dealership for the brand can service. Bus will be towed to International in Greensboro. Leaja Horne has rented a mini van for the Harnett County route, which currently has five riders. General discussion was had concerning future of transportation and whether another bus should be purchased or perhaps a van would be better. Leaja Horne indicated that there was potential to revise the available grant to allow for purchase of van

instead of a bus. Nancy Herrick indicated that we should not limit ourselves with a van due to potentially having more students next year. Ray Strain will approach Carolina Bus Sales and discuss options. Barbara Marchioni requested that Carolina Bus Sales be asked to pay for towing charge since school has only had bus for two months.

*Leaja Horne reviewed a situation which resulted in the expulsion of a student. The parent has been sent a letter and there is a four-day window for them to ask for a hearing. No hearing was requested and now Board will need to decide whether to uphold or modify. Discussion concerning incidents and timeline of incidents and potential ideas for assisting family ensued. There is potential to amend expulsion to a temporary suspension of an unknown number of days.

- Upon a motion by Ray Strain, seconded by Nancy Herrick, and unanimously approved by roll call, it was:
 - **MOVED: To reach out to parent of student to find out intentions and amend expulsion to long-term suspension pending communication.**

* Cindy Pierce has visited Carolina Sign Company but has not been able to secure any quotes for permanent signage yet.

*Leaja Horne states that the exceptional services provider has chosen to end contract on the 23rd. A new provider is being sought. The services are virtual for now.

- Barbara Marchioni made a motion to adjourn. Ray Strain seconded. Remaining board members approved adjournment by roll call.

Meeting adjourned 5:30pm

Secretary Approval: _____