



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members in Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A. Monica Cutno, President | <input type="checkbox"/> Georgia Grant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Matheson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marla Mills-Wilson, Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sonal Krishna | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Szwed |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Portia Scott, Secretary/Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roland Lewis Jr. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Torres |

I. Call to Order

- A. Regular meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) was called to order at 6:34 PM by A. Monica Cutno.
- B. Mission statement was read by the board president.

II. Consent Agenda

- A. Draft minutes from 04/13/15 board meeting and 4/24/15 special meeting were reviewed.
- B. Financial report was given.
 - Motion to approve consent agenda.
 - Motion: John Szwed
 - Second: Roland Lewis Jr.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)
- C. Audit contract was reviewed and discussed.
 - Motion to approve audit contract.
 - Motion: John Szwed
 - Second: Rob Matheson
 - Discussion: Question regarding substandard audit and unqualified opinion.
 - Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)

III. Committee Reports

- A. Facility Committee update was given by developers.
 - 1. Developers reviewed selection process for land, including criteria such as zoning, pricing, real estate sales, access, jurisdiction, utilities, traffic, and neighboring parcels.
 - 2. Site selection narrowed down to a few possibilities.
 - 3. Space layout for building continues to be honed.
- B. Academic Committee reports were given by Dr. Scott and Erica Prentice.
 - 1. Students created and performed ESA pep song.
 - 2. Teacher interviews underway to support increased enrollment in 2015-16.
 - 3. SAS meeting scheduled to review Curriculum Pathway software for K-8 instruction.
 - 4. STEAM rubric for 2014-2015 was reviewed; ESA is making great strides in becoming a STEM model school.
 - 5. Discovery Place is interested in partnering with ESA.
- C. Development Committee report was given by Roland Lewis Jr.

1. TTEC (Triangle Technology Executives Council) developed a Technology Advisory Board for ESA to provide guidance and support on technology hardware, software, and infrastructure.
 2. Corporate partners attended 1st Annual Design Challenge Fair at NCSU. Cisco offered to host next year's event.
- D. Governance Committee report given by Diego Torres.
1. Proposed recruitment process for principal position was shared.
 2. Based on the 2015 Board Diversity Survey, board is seeking to grow from 9 to 11 members; backgrounds of interest are HR, elementary education/administration, technology, STEAM, policy development and non-profit experience.
 3. Board committee recruitment plan is currently being developed.
 4. Board reviewed amended bylaws.
 Motion to adopt amended bylaws.
 Motion: Diego Torres
 Second: Rob Matheson
 Discussion: None
 Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)
 5. Board reviewed draft nepotism policy.
 Motion to adopt nepotism policy.
 Motion: Diego Torres
 Second: Roland Lewis Jr.
 Discussion: None
 Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)
 6. Board reviewed staff evaluation policy.
 Motion to adopt staff evaluation policy.
 Motion: Diego Torres
 Second: Rob Matheson
 Discussion: None
 Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)
 7. Field trip policy and campus expectation policy need further revisions before approval.

IV. Public Comments

- A. Veronica Okam asked about confidentiality agreement for volunteers to avoid future misuse of parent email distribution list. Ms. Okam asked for more education on how charter schools operate and expressed interest in learning how parent/teacher committees will work with administration.
- B. Susan Wilkinson applauded Dr. Scott's newsletter and asked about staff contract renewals at June meeting.
- C. Mauranda Daziel stated her perspective changed after speaking with Kwan Graham of Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina (PEFNC) and asked to have her back to speak with parents.
- D. Jay Sutton asked about school development process and how to join board committee.
- E. Lisa Hollander expressed concerns about potentially using online Algebra program.
- F. Michele Adams asked for list of board committees.

V. Closed Session

- A. Board entered closed session at 7:52 PM to discuss new facility location and personnel matter that are privileged and confidential pursuant to GS 143-318.11.(a).
 Motion to go into closed session.
 Motion: Diego Torres
 Second: Rob Matheson
 Discussion: None
 Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)

Board exited closed session at 9:01 PM and resumed regular meeting.

VI. Adjournment

- A. Next meeting of the BOD is a board retreat on June 6, 2015, 4:00-8:00 PM, 9400 Forum Drive, Raleigh.
- B. Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 PM.
 - Motion to adjourn meeting.
 - Motion: Marla Mills-Wilson
 - Second: Roland Lewis Jr.
 - Discussion: None
 - Vote: Unanimously approved (8-0)