

WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
12/15/2011

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms. Nachman, Ms. Perschy, Mr. Galin, Ms. Deegan, Ms. Leinbach, Ms. Hall, Mr. Carter

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Rentz, Ms. Green, Ms. Scheer

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in The Glade.

- I. The Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Comment (Written public comments may be added to the Public Comment Notebook.)

	Comments: No public comments
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III. Consent Agenda

Principal's Report Mr. Rentz (Report is available online.)	Additional Discussion: (posted on the website) Mr. Rentz introduced our lawyer Mr. David Hostetler and discussed how he has assisted us in many ways. Keeping up-to-date with the Sugar Creek rulings, he has kept us abreast of rulings with very little need of suing counties. Question was asked on where we stand with the rulings. Currently Durham is the only one still outstanding with approximately \$30,000. We may have to go to mediation with them in order to resolve the matter. Mr. Galin asked what sort of legal issues do most public schools have and how might we reduce our risk. He has discussed this previously with Harrell but said that having policies in place and following them is the best way to handle issues. Other things he may help to handle are anything in the education realm including issues with students or parents. The question was asked is there anything he thinks the board should be doing or should stop doing. His response was no but we may look forward to having additional policies in place which he is discussing with Harrell.
Minutes for . (Approved minutes are posted online.)	Additional Discussion: (posted on the website)
Contracts Mr. Rentz	Additional Discussion: (available in the Principal's office)
Action Taken: Ms. Deegan requested that form 990 be added to the consent agenda. Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Mr. Carter. Seconded by Ms. Perschy. Passed unanimously.	

IV. Reports

Student Update Ms. Scheer	Additional Discussion: (report attached)
Faculty Update Ms. Green	Additional Discussion: (report attached)Some faculty are opposed to the half day on Martin Luther King Day. Ms. Hall suggested that if we had a speaker that day and promoted it, it could be something wonderful used for

	teaching the students about the importance of the day. We need to get the word out on what we are doing to celebrate the day so that there are no misconceptions on our idea about the day. It was suggested that we invite the members of the local NAACP help us plan.
Finance Committee Report Ms. Deegan	Additional Discussion: (Monthly financial report attached) Ms. Deegan presented the concept of possibly doing "CD laddering" and the money that it would make.
Personnel Committee Report Ms. Hall	Additional Discussion: Head of school survey for parents has been edited and final draft should be ready next month. The full faculty should be able to take the survey. The survey will be opened up to a larger group of parents this year.
Communications Committee Report Mr. Galin	Additional Discussion: Mr. Galin will work with Harrell to get information out about our plans for Martin Luther King today.
Board Development Committee Report Ms. Perschy	Additional Discussion: A survey was presented to board members. Several ideas that came from the survey is that we might want a handbook that describes what the responsibilities of the board members. We do see improvement in getting information out in a timely manner. One member was not sure of whether the committees and subcommittees are the best committees for Woods at this point. The response to this is that we will see these improve as the committees become longer standing. On the fundraising topic we were 50/50. The idea here is that we do not do the fundraising but we encourage it and make a presence around it.
Visioning Committee Report Ms. Nachman	Additional Discussion: Met on December 7 th , expanded the group to include Erica Berry and Nicole Gerber. They will both participate in the visioning workshop. They met for several hours on the difference between mission, vision and core values. The goal will be to review and reimagine the core value statements and the vision statements for Woods. They would like to draft then send out to our faculty, students, parents, school surrounding community members etc. The guidelines will be available next month for approval. They will be distributed to the community in April 2012 and then ready for board approval in April of 2012. A communications plan around all of this will also be developed. The next meeting is January 18 th . Julie Rosen, Cotton Bryan, Katie McReynolds, Donald Beeson, Mr. Rentz and Ms. Nachman round out the committee.
Chair's update Ms. Nachman	Additional Discussion:

V. Business

A.	No business items.
B.	
C.	

VI. Closed Session

No closed session.

a. Personnel	
b. Contracts	

Ms. Perschy motioned to adjourn and Ms. Hall seconded.

Meeting adjourned.