

WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
Thursday, July 22, 2010

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

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Rentz

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm in The Glade.

I. The Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment

	<b>Comments:</b> Mr. John Rice asked about the budget numbers relative to the Sugar Creek decision. Mr. Rentz reported that the check from Chatham County came in the last fiscal year. Now the money to be appropriated this fiscal year is the question to answer.
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III. Consent Agenda

<b>Principal's Report</b> Presented by: H. Rentz Written Report provided	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Two brand new board members, Janna Deegan and Renata Hall were introduced.  Mr. Rentz reported that the high school graduation was wonderful. It was the largest ever graduating class of 42. It is the capstone event of the year and reaffirms what goes on here at Woods. Mr. Galin pointed out that videos of some of the senior speeches had been uploaded to youtube.com  Woods Charter School ranked 107 on Newsweek magazine's list of great high schools. We also received an honorable mention in the US News and World Report listing.  Thanks to the outstanding volunteer effort during testing by Lil Orlandi, we had 91 volunteers to fill 187 assignments, involving over 562 hours of volunteer time.  Woods kicked off its Volunteer Wall of Fame with 24 inductees. Mr. Rentz attended the National Alliance of Public Charter School conference in Chicago. Highlights included an address by Reed Hastings, the founder of Netflix, who affirmed the outstanding contribution made by charter schools. Microsoft's Bill Gates was also a speaker at the event.  Woods is looking for a replacement for JoAnn Armstrong for the Advancement Coordinator position.  Summer camps will contribute about \$7,000 to the operating budget of the school.
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	<p>Ms. Perschy mentioned that kids who did not come to Woods did come to camp and enjoyed the stay.</p> <p>Volunteer Day takes place on August 14. The School Board will be in retreat at a training session.</p> <p>According to the by-laws the Woods school board should meet during first week of the month. We are currently having meetings usually during the second week of the month.</p> <p>Mr. Rentz is hoping to have a finance committee. There is the possibility of having the finance committee meeting in the second week and have a regular board meeting during the third week.</p> <p>According to by-laws, officers should be elected in the June meeting. Mr. Rentz mentioned that in some schools, principals open the July meeting before the school board officer elections.</p> <p>It might be a good idea to also check the bylaws to see if there are changes that need to be made. It might be time for a little bit of adjustment Ms. Nachman has asked if our attorney has reviewed and made any comments about our by-laws.</p>
<p><b>Employee Contracts &amp; Tolling Agreements</b> Presented by: H. Rentz</p>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> \$30,430 is a starting licensed teacher's salary at Woods.</p> <p>Ms. Scholle pointed out that a couple of job titles needed to be changed. Mr. Rentz noted the changes to be made.</p> <p>Mr. Rentz provided copies of the Tolling and Standstill agreements with the Chatham County Board of Education and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education.</p>
<p><b>Action Taken:</b> Motion to approve consent agenda made by Ms. Deegan. Seconded by Ms. Perschy. Passed unanimously.</p>	

IV. Reports

<p><b>Student Update</b></p>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> No Student Update</p>
<p><b>Faculty Update</b></p>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> No Faculty Update</p>
<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b> Presented by: David Madison</p>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> In absence of a treasurer, Mr. Rentz did the presentation of the financials. Financially things appear to be in very good shape going into the new school year. There are no new surprises.</p> <p>Chatham County had turned over a check for about \$250,000 to Woods Charter school. Ms. Scholle asked about how the \$250,000 will be used. Mr. Rentz pointed out that the monies will be used. However, there would be discussions and deliberations on how it will be spent.</p> <p>Ms. Nachman asked if the current budget showed the \$250,000. Mr. Rentz noted that the 2010-11 budget did not reflect the \$250,000 in additional</p>

	funds.
<b>WCS Foundation Report</b> Presented by: Carmen Laethem	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> The Foundation balance sheet was reviewed.</p> <p>Ms. Lil Orlandi noted that a Certificate of Deposit contained “designated funds.” These are funds that donors “designate” for specific items.</p> <p>Ms. Leinbach asked what happens to designated funds if they are not used. She asked if these can be converted to general funds.</p> <p>Ms. Orlandi mentioned that sometimes designees forget that they had donated designated money. \$4000 of the CD money is designated money for the library.</p>
<b>Facilities &amp; Grounds</b>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> Mr. Galin asked about the effects of construction on Andrews Store Road on access to the school. Mr. Rentz noted that people were able to access the school and that he did not foresee any major problems once school began.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about the new Pollard Middle School opening up down the road and what effect it would have on Woods traffic and access. The plan is that MP middle school will start at 8:15 am.</p>
<b>Chair’s update</b> Presented by: Dee Nachman	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> None

V. Business

<b>A. Election of Board members for 2010-11</b>	<p><b>Actions Taken:</b> The board decided to do a vocal vote.</p> <p>Ms. Perschy nominated Ms. Nachman for board chairman. Ms. Nachman was elected chair.</p> <p>Ms. Leinbach nominated Teresa Perschy for vice-chair. Ms. Perschy was elected vice chair.</p> <p>Ms. Perschy nominated Ms. Leinbach for secretary. Mr. Galin nominated himself. Mr. Galin was elected secretary.</p> <p>Ms. Leinbach nominated Ms. Deegan for treasurer. Ms. Deegan was elected treasurer.</p>
<b>B. Board Meeting schedule for 2010-2011</b>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> There was a discussion about change of school board meeting schedule to the third week of each month.</p> <p>There was a question about holding the next meeting on August 26. Also discussion about moving the April meeting to April 19.</p>
<b>Action Taken:</b> Ms. Perschy made the motion to approve the meeting schedule with suggested changes. Seconded by Ms. Hall. Passed unanimously.	
<b>C. Minutes for May 13, 2010</b> Discussion and vote	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> Suggested changes included:</p> <p>Correct spelling of Ms. Perschy and Mr. Bryan’s names.</p>

	<p>Replace portion of text about PTSA and Foundation monies with "Foundation monies are awarded to the school through grants"</p> <p>Add the word "line" after the word if in the sentence "Mr. Madison asked if 31 and 32 would be policy..."</p>
<p><b>Action Taken:</b> Ms. Perschy made the motion to adopt the minutes with the recommended changes. Seconded by Mr. Galin. Minutes approved.</p>	
<p><b>C. Minutes for June 7, 2010</b> Discussion and vote</p>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> The June 7 minutes were done by Mr. Van Hoy due to the absence of Mr. Galin.</p> <p>Recommended changes included adding "presented a written report" to the WCS Foundation Report section and replacing "Board Elections" with "School Budget"</p>
<p><b>Action Taken:</b> Motion to approve the minutes with changes to be made by Mr. Rentz was made by Ms. Hall. Seconded by Mr. Galin. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>E. Board development workshop</b></p>	<p><b>Additional Discussion:</b> The School Board retreat will be at the Century Center in Carrboro on August 14 and will run from 9 am to noon.</p>

VI. Closed Session

<p><b>Action Taken:</b> Motion to move into closed session made by Ms. Perschy. Seconded by Ms. Hall. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	
<p><b>a. Personnel</b></p>	<p>No action.</p>
<p><b>b. Contracts</b></p>	<p>No action.</p>
<p><b>Action Taken:</b> Motion to move into open session made by Ms Perschy. Seconded by Ms. Deegan. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	

Meeting adjourned at approximately 9 pm.