

WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL  
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES  
Thursday, April 15, 2010

Signature of Board Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Ms Nachman, Mr. VanHoy, Mr. Smith, Mr. Galin, Mr. Madison, Ms. Pershy, Ms. Leinbach

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Harrell Rentz,

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm in The Glade.

I. The Pledge of Allegiance

II. Public Comment

	<b>Comments:</b> Sue Davis, a student's grandparent wanted to know who is on the finance committee.
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III. Consent Agenda

<b>Principal's Report</b> Presented by: H. Rentz Written Report provided	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Briar Chapel has proven to be a good partner. Three \$500 sustainability projects will be funded by a \$1,500 Earth Day donation by Briar Chapel. A twenty foot beech tree, donated by Briar Chapel, will be planted within sight of the Great Room.  Woods should have 65 employees for next year. Sarah Lipetz is moving to California; Dave Worster is leaving as full-time English teacher; Nichole Gerber is leaving for a great opportunity for a Masters/Doctoral program.  There are 46 signed contracts in hand with 15 staff members still to sign.  Woods is advertising for three positions – High school history, middle school English and an elementary teacher ( probably 3rd grade.)  Woods has sent notices to all school districts that we draw students from that we are aware of Sugar Creek ruling and that we wish to know their plans and timelines are implementing changes in their funding of Charter schools.  Ms. Scholle asked what the Sugar Creek ruling was. Mr. Rentz said that LEAs must calculate dollars per student based on all the monies divided by all students. Mecklenburg county was making calculations in the fall for traditional public schools and in the spring for charter schools. There appears to be a three year statute of limitations.  Ms. Scholle asked about what the effect will be for Woods. Mr. Rentz is not sure what the total financial effect will be.  Woods Charter school teachers salaries for next year will be on scale with North Carolina public schools teachers.  Ms. Scholle appreciates that everyone in the school is on the scale.
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	Ann Kaiyala is planning an array of summer activities at Woods. Woods is considering using PayPal for make it easier to sign up and pay for camps.
<b>Contracts</b> Presented by: H. Rentz	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> No contracts to discuss
<b>Action Taken:</b> Motion to approve consent agenda made by Mr Madison. Seconded by Ms. Perschy. Passed unanimously.	

#### IV. Reports

<b>Student Report</b> Presented by: H. Rentz	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Student council continues to work on activites that help promote unity and better community
<b>Faculty Update</b> Presented by: A. Trocki	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> None
<b>Treasurer's Report</b> Presented by: David Madison	<p>Mr. Madison reports that things are continuing as they should. The forecast is that there will be an operating surplus of about \$160,000. Woods should be in good shape to meet debt ratios.</p> <p>Mr. Rentz noted that the board had expressed concerns at the last meeting about the school's financial situation. Things appear to be pretty stable for next year. There are issues and challenges after next year on a state and national level. Next year, Woods should be able to break even or have a small surplus. Mr. Madison noted that reserves are in place in case we encounter financial hardships in 2011-12.</p> <p>Ms. Leinbach asked about building up reserves. Mr. Madison feels that Woods needs to work closely with the auditors and bond holders about the amount of these reserves. Mr. Rentz had the opportunity to spend several hours with debt holders.</p> <p>Ms. Nachman asked about a surplus and how much we may have. Mr. Madison said that it was about \$160,000+. Ms. Nachman wants to make sure we have enough of a reserve t o fill the gap when federal monies for staff salaries go away.</p> <p>Ms. Little asked about an item on page 6 – what is dg? Mr. Rentz said it was the Dollar General grant.</p>
<b>WCS Foundation Report</b> Presented by: Carmen Laethem	No Foundation report this month due to computer crash.
<b>Facilities &amp; Grounds</b> Presented by: Adrienne Leinbach	<p>Thanks to Jim Malone and the volunteers who helped with putting mulch out. Mr. Rentz added that work on playing field and path is imminent.</p> <p>Pavers will be set up this week. Pavers can be added as more are sold.</p>
<b>Policy Committee Report</b> Presented by: Mike Van Hoy	The co-curricular participation policy will be voted on later in the meeting
<b>Chair's update</b> Presented by: Dee Nachman	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Arts in the Woods is on May 14 <sup>th</sup> , the day after the board meeting. Art sale in on May 26 <sup>th</sup> . Elementary kids are having science program on the May 17 <sup>th</sup> . Middle and high school science and Enviromentathon will be on the May 24 <sup>th</sup>

V. Business

<b>Reminder</b>	Upcoming meeting dates – 4/15 (3rd Thursday)
<b>Minutes for March 11, 2010</b> Discussion and vote	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Change made to minutes that “we budgeted \$28,000 and that is <b>not</b> being met”
<b>Action Taken:</b> Motion made to accept minutes as amended by Mr. Galin. Seconded by Mr. VanHoy. Minutes approved	
<b>Co-curricular Participation Policy</b>	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Mr. Van Hoy mentioned that the co-curricular plan was first discussed last year and several forums and community inputs were presented.  Ms. Pons asked about the grades from the entire end of year for winter/spring versus trimester ending grades for Winter Spring.
<b>Action Taken:</b> Ms. Pershy moved to approved the co-curricular policy in its final form. Ms. Leinbach seconded. Policy passed unanimously.	
<b>Upcoming board elections</b> Discussion	<b>Additional Discussion:</b> Proposed three skills looking for – Finance, Education and HR Ms. Nachman proposed Finance. Mr. VanHoy proposed adding Education and HR. Mr. Madison proposed adding corporate management and business corporate management experience.  April 16 it will be up. Will be due at the end of April. Elections open the Tuesday before the May meeting. Ms. Perschy asked about the process for this year’s election. Ms. Nachman said that the process should probably remain the same.  Candidate’s application should be submitted as a Word document. Material will be published as submitted. PDF will be submitted as direct document of segment 1. Must be submitted by April 30 <sup>th</sup> .  Heather will receive Word documents to input into the school web site.  Mr. VanHoy asked what it was about section 2 that we did not want published. Faculty is usually referred to faculty and staff.  Ms. Carmen Lathem noted that an applicant cannot be an employee of the school. No more than one parent of a student can serve on the board.  Ms. Little asked about the encouragement of some parents to have a nice distribution among the divisions.  Mr. VanHoy asked if the board was not going to recommend a slate of candidates. Ms. Nachman said that was decided against.

VI. Closed Session

<b>a. Personnel</b>	Ms. Pershy made a motion to go into closed session. Motion seconded by Mr. VanHoy. The board went into closed session to discuss school personnel and their contracts for the following school year.
<b>Action Taken:</b> Motion to move into open session made by Ms. Perschy. Seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.	

<b>b. Contracts</b>	No action.
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Ms. Perschy moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.