

MILLENNIUM CHARTER ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
February 25th, 2020

The Board of Directors for Millennium Charter Academy met in regular session on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Those Directors present included David Hiatt, Christopher Willingham, Susan Shipley, Mark Hampton, Susan Campbell, Beth Southern and Marty Danley. Headmaster Kirby McCrary and Finance Officer Patty Bare were also present for the meeting. Mark Hampton called the meeting to order with Kirby McCrary providing the Invocation. Mark Hampton led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Directors Renee Francis and Lee Rierson were not present for the meeting

Adoption of Proposed Agenda: Upon the motion of Beth Southern, seconded by Susan Campbell, the proposed agenda was adopted.

Approval of Minutes: Upon the motion of Susan Campbell, seconded by Beth Southern, the January 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes were approved.

Public Comment: none

Report of Affiliated Organizations: none

Report of the Headmaster: Kirby McCrary presented the Headmaster's Report emphasizing the following items:

1. MCA hosted the first teacher exchange initiated by the recently formed **classical consortium** (Pinnacle Academy, Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, Piedmont Classical High School, and MCA). English teachers from these schools spent most of the day touring MCA, observing classes, and discussing classical education. On February 28, MCA and other schools will send teachers to Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy.
2. Representing MCA, Mr. McCrary attended the annual meeting of the **Surry County Economic Development Partnership** held at Surry Community College in the Shelton-Badgett Center. Will Pfitzner, former MCA student was the keynote speaker.
3. Under the direction of Rusty Roberson, senior advisor, MCA seniors are scheduled to deliver their **Capstone presentations** in March. Their topics include "A Defensive Offense: Cybernetics for America's Security," "Bill Nye and the Science Lie: A Look at America's Textbook Problem," "Marriage and Family: The Case for Saving Our Culture," and many others. Please see attachment for the complete list.
4. Rodney King (athletic director), Susan Gunter (PE instructor), and David Kern (PE instructor), Michael Reeves (Lower School Director), and Mr. McCrary are working toward the development of a more **classical model of physical education**. As is the school's model, we are keeping the end goal mind—first the ideal student at graduation, then the ideal human, flourishing as a mature adult.
5. The school's **20th Anniversary** included a February 7 reunion of some of the early faculty alumni, including Joellen Belton, Anne Haynes, Angie Lievsay, Doug and Bonnie Cook, as well as the Sandra Hurley, the Mount Airy News publisher and John Peters, the editor of the same paper. The group toured the school, stopped to talk to old friends along the way, and have refreshments in the atrium
6. On February 16, the Mount Airy News published an article about MCA's **20th Anniversary**. I received congratulations from two charter school principals, as well as the director of the Office of Charter Schools, Dave Machado, all of whom had seen the online publication.
7. MCA continues to prepare for its first **Poetry Aloud** competition. Leading up to that day, all classes will memorize a well-written poem characterized by beautiful language and imagery, as well as a rhythm that makes recitation

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pleasant. The competition will run from classroom winners to grade level winners to division (K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12) winners, then to a single winner. The recitations will be recorded as models for future contests.

Report of the Treasurer:

Susan Shipley and Patty Bare gave a combined Treasurer and Finance Committee report.

- A motion by Susan Shipley, seconded by Beth Southern to amend the 2019-2020 budget to reflect the budget adjustments presented by Finance Officer Patty Bare was approved unanimously.

Report of Standing Committees:

Board Development: none

Unfinished Business: Property – tabled

New Business:

Contracts – An ad hoc committee was formed to review current employment contracts and recommend any needed changes. Committee members are Kirby McCrary, Susan Shipley, Mark Hampton and Beth Southern

Petway Mills & Pearson - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Chris Willingham, seconded by Susan Shipley, to release payment to PM&P for \$8,650 for the financial audit and 990 tax filings.

At 6:45pm the Board unanimously approved the motion of Beth Southern, seconded by Susan Shipley to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted
Marty Danley

Attachments: Agenda, Headmaster's Report



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