

Academy of Moore County Board of Directors Meeting December 14, 2022

Board Members Present: Janet Lowry, Chair; Adrienne Collins, Vice Chair; Michael Holden, Treasurer; Dee Park Busby, Secretary; Thomas Beddow; Dave Kaylor; Bill Scholtes; Dale Buie. **Others Present:** Crystal Bonville, Kenneth Mallard.

Chair Lowry called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm. After a moment of silence, Mr. Beddow led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present. Mrs. Lowry welcomed Mr. Mallard who has a grandchild at TAMC.

Mrs. Lowry thanked Mr. Beddow for arranging today's pre-meeting call with Craig Fisher regarding Employee Retention Tax Credit for charter schools. Mr. Scholtes made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, November 16, and December 9, seconded by Mrs. Busby, approved.

Mr. Holden had no report since November financials have not been received from Acadia.

Director of Education: Dr. Buie described today, the last school day before winter break, as a crazy happy day. Teachers did many special things for their children including one who cooked spaghetti for them. Tours of the school for parents of prospective students continue on Fridays with six families last Friday. Most of the letters of intent for next year are being returned, and most students are remaining. The lottery for next year will be held on or after February 10. Applications will be received beginning January 4. Dr. Buie will advertise the application deadlines in the Pilot.

Mrs. Lowry commented that the school's staff party at Red's Corner was enjoyable. Everyone appreciated that time together.

Old Business

Safety & Security Committee: Mrs. Bonville reported that the committee had met with our police and fire department representatives. They are working on a "see something, say something" campaign for students and parents. A recently held announced lockdown went well. An unannounced lockdown will be held in February. The schools is looking for another vendor for security cameras. Training for the Threat Assessment Team will be available between January and March.

ERIC Funding: Mr. Beddow summarized the essence of today's zoom meeting mentioned above. The board may wish to apply for these funds, but much data is needed to see if TAMC might qualify. Mrs. Bonville will work to determine how long at least 10% of the students were on zoom lessons.

K-2 playground: Mr. Beddow and Dr. Buie will work to determine what equipment is needed initially for the new K-2 playground to include 2 swing sets and a low climbing piece. Mr. Beddow will get a quote from the company representative he met with and Dr. Buie will get information from another potential provider.

Investment Recommendations: The Board agrees that investing some of the school's funds would be wise. Mr. Scholtes said that bonds or equities might be risky. The basic short term investment fund (STIF) available through the state treasurer's office currently pays 1.8% interest. Funds can be withdrawn out easily without penalty. Mr. Beddow will wait until Mr. Holden is comfortable with investing some of the school's funds before making a recommendation.

Mr. Scholtes stated that North Carolina law does not require informing anyone that a meeting's discussion is being recorded. The school attorney has suggested that IEP meetings be recorded. The Board does not feel that recording all of them is practical at this time, but would encourage doing so if staff deems desirable to do so

Mrs. Lowry nominated Kenneth Mallard as a new Board member; Mr. Beddow seconded. She also nominated Natalie Wetzelberger as a new Board member; Mr. Scholtes seconded. These nominations will be voted on at the next meeting of the Board.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday January 18, at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dee Park Busby" followed by a stylized monogram or initials.

Dee Park Busby, Secretary