

Academy of Moore County Board of Directors Meeting February 15, 2023

Board Members Present: Janet Lowry, Chair; Adrienne Collins, Vice Chair; Michael Holden, Treasurer; Thomas Beddow; Dave Kaylor, Bill Scholtes (on Zoom); Natalie Wetzelberger; Dale Buie. **Absent:** Dee Park Busby, **Others Present:** Crystal Bonville.

Chair Lowry called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. After a moment of silence, Mr. Beddow led the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present.

Secretary: In the secretary's absence, Mr. Holden made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Kaylor seconded, approved.

Treasurer: Mr. Holden reviewed the January financial statements. Total revenue for the month was \$311,060 and expenses are as predicted by the budget.

Investment Recommendation: Mr. Holden reported that he and Mr. Beddow talked with representatives of First Citizens Bank. As a result of their meeting, a new money market account has been opened which currently pays 4% interest. Mr. Beddow made a motion to transfer immediately to the new money market account whatever amount Acadia recommends that does not jeopardize our day to day activity. Mr. Scholtes seconded, approved. Dr. Buie will contact Acadia. Mrs. Lowry thanked Mr. Scholtes and Mr. Beddow for their persistence in investing our funds and Mr. Holden for the suggestion to talk with our bank.

Staff Development: Mrs. Lowry recommended, that after speaking with the school attorney, Mr. William Van O'Linda, about the increase in litigation concerning special needs children, the board should request that staff development for all staff be provided this year to include both IDEA and 504 requirements. Mr. Scholtes spoke of recent changes in NC law which invite litigation in exceptional children's issues. He made a motion to require the suggested staff development, seconded, and approved.

Director of Education: Dr. Buie asked Mrs. Kenn to come into the meeting to report on the results of the admission's lottery which closed on February 10th. To date, 512 children are enrolled with a wait list in every grade except first. Board members should encourage parents to continue to go on line and get their child on the wait list. Additional slots will be opened.

Dr. Buie gave an excellent presentation about the school emphasizing the serious nature of grades 3-5. He will send copies of the presentation to the board. Mrs. Lowry mentioned that she and Mr. Beddow represented the school at the recent School Choice Expo. She, Mr. Beddow, and Dr. Buie will participate next week in the Charter Advocacy Summit in Raleigh.

Old Business: K-2 Playground: Mr. Beddow hopes we have the K-2 playground finished this summer. The turnkey quote from GameTime is almost \$100,000. Mrs. Wetzelberger will get another quote from Grey Fox Outdoor, a company providing a quote to her

neighborhood for their playground. Dr. Buie will also get a quote. Mrs. Wetzelberger agreed to work on the Playground Committee with Mr. Beddow.

ERTC Funding: Mrs. Bonville provided data from Acadia that Mr. Beddow or Mr. Scholtes will give to the Terryberrys for them to access the school's eligibility for this funding.

New Business: Mr. Beddow pointed out that Congressman Hudson opened a district office, with six staffers behind WalMart in Southern Pines.

Mrs. Bonville mentioned all day zoom training is being offered for the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team. She also distributed information about the requirements of the Children's Internet Protection Act for E-rate discounts on internet access and a proposed policy concerning CIPA that will be considered at the next regular meeting of the board.

Mr. Holden made a motion to adjourn about 4:40, seconded by Mr. Scholtes, motion approved.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday March 15th at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet B. Lowry, Chairman