

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

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

Prior to this regular meeting, a special meeting had been called to remove a board member from the board. With unanimous agreement, the board voted to remove Dee Park Busby for lack of attendance.

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: Mr. Beddow made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 15 meeting, Mr. Holden seconded, approved.

Treasurer: Mr. Holden reviewed the February financial statements which show the school's finances are in good order. Dr. Buie transferred \$465,948.65 into the new money market account.

Director of Education: Dr. Buie reported that Mrs. Kenn is fine tuning next year's admission list, but the number of children enrolled remains constant 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.

Old Business:

Safety: Mr. Beddow participated in the all-day training for the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team and encouraged other members of the Safety committee to do so. He said this training would be valuable for police. Mr. Beddow asked Mrs. Bonville to identify blind spots on campus that security cameras do not pick up.

K-2 Playground: The Game Time quote is about \$88,000 after removing \$16,000 in musical equipment and adding freight. Mrs. Wetzberger will get another quote from Grey Fox Outdoor. Dr. Buie will also get a quote from Glenn Davis who indicated he could get all equipment installed within 12 weeks.

ERTC Funding: Mr. Kaylor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scholtes that the school accept the agreement with Tax Incentive Agency for this funding. Dr. Buie will docu-sign the agreement. TAMC may receive \$1,208,195.00, and will pay Tax Incentive Agency their fee of \$181,338.75.

Internet Safety Policy: Mr. Scholtes made a motion to accept the policy as presented by Mrs. Bonville last month; seconded by Mr. Holden, unanimously approved.

Charter School Summit Video: The Board viewed this brief video with an overview of the recent summit attended by Dr. Lowry, Mr. Beddow and Dr. Buie.

Mrs. Lowry thanked Mr. Kaylor, Dr. Buie and Ms. Kenn for their quick updating of the school's marketing brochure.

New Business:

Membership in Charter School Organizations: TAMC is currently a member of the NC Association for Public Charter Schools, at a cost last year of \$1,659, and the NC Coalition for Charter Schools, at a cost last year of \$4,900. Dr. Buie will recommend whether to continue these memberships.

Insurance Renewal: Mr. Beddow made a motion to accept the insurance renewal rates that Little Insurance Agency provided; seconded by Mr. Kaylor, approved. Kenny Little is seeking another quote for the workman's comp insurance.

Diesel fuel funding: Dr. Buie has investigated and found that TAMC does not qualify for this money.

Charter School Omnibus Bill: Handouts provided by the Coalition were distributed and discussed including Talking Points about HB 219 and HB 219 Summary. All board members are asked to notify our house members about the importance of passing this bill. Dr. Buie will have these documents put on our web site; Mrs. Bonville will put them on dojo; and Dr. Buie will encourage the teachers to express their support for this bill to our representatives. The board would like the video of Matthew Tilley's explanation of the erosion of charter school funding made available to all on our website. Our representatives are Ben Moss (ben.moss@ncleg.gov), Neil Jackson (neal.jackson@ncleg.gov) and John Sauls (john.sauls@ncleg.gov). Mr. Beddow nominated Richard Schoen to join the board; Mr. Holden seconded. Everyone agrees he would be great addition. The board will vote on his selection at the next meeting. Garland Pierce of Hoke County should also be contacted.


Mr. Beddow reported that the GOP raised \$5,000 to send one child from a Gold Star Family to a camp this summer.

Mrs. Bonville announced that the next Masonic awards will be presented March 29 at 3:15.

Mr. Beddow made a motion to adjourn about 4:30, seconded by Mr. Scholtes, motion approved.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday April 19th at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet B. Lowry, Chairman

The Academy of Moore County Board of Directors Special Meeting April 12, 2023

Board Members Present: Janet Lowry, Chair; Adrienne Collins, Vice Chair; Thomas Beddow; Natalie Wetzelberger; Dale Buie. **Absent:** Michael Holden; Dave Kaylor; Bill Scholtes.

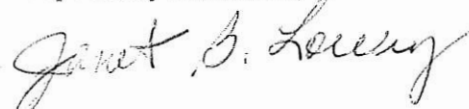
This special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 3:30 at the school by the Chair, Mrs. Lowry. A quorum was present. The purpose of the meeting was to select a provider for playground equipment for a new K-2 playground. Timing is critical to have this playground in place when school opens in July.

Quotes from playground equipment were provided by Roger Davis of Elite Play Equipment, Marcie McRae of Grey Fox Outdoor and Game Time. Although we like the equipment at Game Time, they cannot meet our calendar for installation so they were eliminated.

Mr. Beddow, Mrs. Wetzelberger and Dr. Buie have all looked at the Grey Fox equipment and found it to be acceptable. The board liked the idea of purchasing from a local company. Mr. Beddow made a motion to purchase playground equipment from Grey Fox and to give Dr. Buie and his staff the authority to order the pieces they think best. Mrs. Wetzelberger seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Dr. Buie will consult with his PTO officers and any other persons he selects to pick the specific pieces they want. The board prefers the metal swings and would like 6-8 of them.

The meeting adjourned at 4:05.

Respectfully Submitted,



Janet B. Lowry, Chairman