

Academy of Moore County Board of Directors Meeting April 19, 2023

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

Chair Lowry called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. Mr. Scholtes led the pledge of allegiance which was followed by a moment of silence. A quorum was present.

Secretary: Mr. Holden made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting March 15 and April 12, Mrs. Wetzelberger seconded, approved.

Election of a Board Member: Richard Schoen was nominated to become a board member at the March 15 meeting. He was elected to the board today. He joined the group after being elected.

Treasurer: Mr. Holden reviewed the March financial statements. Income and expenses are about where they should be. The school's financial position is strong.

Director of Education: Dr. Buie reported that next year's enrollment is 507 at this time. The wait list in kindergarten has decreased to 15 children. We will add a 4th grade teacher and one teacher assistant. Dr. Buie expects to fill the STEM position, and he requests an additional teacher, counselor, or social worker as a student support professional. Mrs. Lowry spoke in favor of that position to help alleviate student anxiety.

Dr. Buie reported that end of grade tests for children in grades 3-5 will be held May 16-18 with make-up tests May 19. The last day of school is May 25, and this will be half a day. A two-week summer session will be provided for grades 2-3 in Read to Achieve; K-1 for reading; 3-5 ELA and Math and grade 5 science.

He complimented Mrs. Bonville for the great job she has done with "Purple up Week" this week which recognizes the sacrifices children make when their parent is deployed.

Old Business:

K-2 Playground: Dr. Buie has ordered equipment from Grey Fox Outdoor after consulting with the PTO and teachers. Mr. Beddow and Mr. Schoen has been to Grey Fox several times and will continue to work with them on our new playground.

Planning Budget Meeting: Dr Lowry, Mr. Beddow, Mr. Schoen and Dr. Buie met with Kathy Davies and Alexis at Acadia last week to develop the planning budget. The meeting was well organized and conducted. Until the exact enrollment and the state's per pupil allotment are known, the figures are an estimate. Mr. Beddow made a motion to approve this budget. Mr. Scholtes seconded, approved.

Dr. Buie showed the board pictures of beautiful student art work that was entered in the Moore County Young Peoples Fine Arts Festival. Ms. Brown's students took second place in the

elementary school division. Each child received honorable mention, the highest award given to elementary school students.

New Business:

Compensation Committee: Mrs. Lowry presented the recommendations of the committee, but board members referred the report back to the committee for further consideration.

Mrs. Lowry suggested that the board should consider replacing the HVAC in the gym from this year's budget since it is old and will not last too long. Mr. Schoen will look into what the cost of replacing this large unit might be.

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 May 17 at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,


Janet B. Lowry, Chairman