

# MMCS Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm

November 8, 2021

255 S. May Street

Southern Pines, NC 28387

In attendance: Katie Rucker, Ben Green, Rocky Rhodes, Ronda Hawkins, Paul Murphy, Dave Kilarski,

On Phone: Taylor Clement

## 1. Call to Order at 6: 03pm. School's Mission read by Ben

MMCS is a vibrant learning community, where diverse students build strong academic foundations, executive function skills, and trust in their abilities, in preparation for lives of joy and purpose in the 21st century.

## 2. Public Comment - no comments from public in attendance

## 3. Updates (15 minutes, Katie)

A. Academic - excellent early reading scores from third graders. Parent teacher conferences were last week. Algebra training coming up this Wednesday.

B. Financial - The board reviewed October financial reports and annual audit documents. Katie added the note that instructional materials are at budget spending for the year already but we should expect that number to be spent early in the school year and have furnished three new rooms. Rocky added that we can start to spend down the construction loan when needed. There were no findings on the audit, the letter looks standard and we are in good standing. We have been approved for a federal grant for student technology and will make that purchase soon. We are also applying for second quarter 2021 safe harbor and waiting on funds from the first application; our accountant assisted with both of those applications. Annual funding increase from the state is expected but not approved yet. Rocky provided information regarding a letter from Duke Energy regarding a failure in their customer service which we are responsible for the difference in cost since April which they failed to include on the bills.

C. New Campus - The boilers are now on and the main building and B building seem to be working without issues. The Boys and Girls Club are moving into their space for after school programming.

## 4. Board Action (15 minutes)

A. Minutes for October 11th Board Meeting - Rocky moved to approve both the open and closed meeting minutes for October, Paul seconded and all voted in favor.

B. December Indoor Mask Requirement, *11/2/21 Pilot Article 'Good News on Horizon: Health Officials Urge Continued Masking, For Now'* - Rocky mentioned that the numbers for Covid are falling and the new positive test rate is down to 7% - David moved to continue mask wearing for another month, Ronda seconded and all voted in favor carrying the motion. Rocky asked if Katie had any plans to track vaccination status of students, Katie did not have the intention to track it. Ronda asked if students who are vaccinated are also required to quarantine after a classroom case once we are mask-free. Ben said that this should be a question for Katie to ask for our next meeting.

## 5. Closed Session

Paul moved to go into closed session and Ronda seconded and all voted in favor. The board entered a closed session at 6:29pm.

Taylor moved to go into closed session and Rocky seconded and all voted in favor. Board returned to the open session at 6:45pm.

### Action Items Post Closed Session:

Ben asked for a motion regarding an architecture contract. Paul moved to approve the contract with Tim Martin, architect, on items 1-5 from his proposal, Dave seconded and with no discussion, all voted in favor and the motion carried.

Rocky moved to approve a contact with Micheal Privatt for windows, Ronda seconded and all voted in favor carrying the motion.

Rocky added a comment that given the current conditions, we need to be diligent to focus on two issues on a regular basis: covid conditions and the need for masks as well as being competitive with our staff so we maintain a professional and qualified teaching staff. Rocky then moved to adjourn the meeting, -- seconded and all voted in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.