

Coastal Montessori Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, September 8th, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board were present:

Kristin Alford, Mary Bryan, Lynne Ford, Jason Hendrix, Rob Horvath, Gene Mannella, Pamela Martin, Martha Propps, Scott Steffen, and Rachel Tomovski

The following members of the Board were absent:

Stella Mercado

Other Attendees:

Nathalie Hunt, CMCS Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Rob Horvath, called the meeting to order at 6:11 PM.

COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

Mr. Horvath read aloud the FOIA statement.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Board Secretary, Ms. Tomovski, read aloud the CMCS mission statement.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Martha Propps made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Pamela Martin seconded the motion, and the Board VOTED approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST

Dr. Martin made a motion to approve minutes from the August meeting. Ms. Alford seconded the motion and the Board VOTED to approve the minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Hunt recommended that CMCS purchase the all-inclusive Policy Manual, PCSASC, being made available to Charter schools this year. The initial cost is \$3200 with an annual fee for updates of \$750. It includes Charter law and HR law. Members of the Board wanted to know if the agency also provides support for this fee. Dr. Hunt said she would look into that.

Dr. Hunt updated the Board on the Student Absence Policy. Unexcused absences result in lost revenue. Vacation days can be excused provided there is prior notice and extra work is assigned and approved by Dr. Hunt.

Dr. Hunt reported that CMCS did meet the enrollment target for EFA, but there are still four openings in Upper Elementary. The enrollment period for FY 2015-16 begins October 1st, 2014. She plans to attend community and preschool events in order to educate families about the enrollment opportunity. Current students and families should be visible at community events, wearing school attire, promoting CMCS. The Murrells Inlet Clean Sweep is being held Saturday, September 13th, 2014 and the PTO is encouraging CMCS students and families to participate.

FACILITY UPDATE

Chair Horvath reminded the Board that the second reading of the request to amend the site plan for the Allston Bluffs Tract is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9th, 2014. At this time the County Council may ask questions of CMCS regarding the issue. Several people plan to attend to speak on behalf of the school.

Members of the Facility Committee did meet with the Department of Transportation and their recommendations at this point would include a right turn lane and a deceleration lane. There would also need to be a separate bus entrance. CMCS has budgeted for these items.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Horvath asked for a motion to nominate the following members of the Board to the Executive Committee for the new term:

Scott Steffen as Vice Chair

Jason Hendrix to continue as Treasurer

Rachel Tomovski to continue as Secretary

Ms. Propps made the motion. Dr. Martin seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED to accept Scott Steffen, Jason Hendrix and Rachel Tomovski for the Executive Committee.

Vice Chair Steffen moved to have Mr. Rob Horvath continue as Board Chair for the new term. Ms. Alford seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED to accept Rob Horvath for Board Chair.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Horvath asked for a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss the property contract. Ms. Ford made the motion. Mr. Mannella seconded the motion. The Board VOTED to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 PM. Dr. Hunt was invited to stay.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Vice Chair Steffen moved that the Board return to Open Session. Ms. Propps seconded the motion. The Board VOTED to return to Open Session at 7:15 PM.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Horvath asked for a motion to pass the resolution regarding the property contract, as discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Hendrix so moved. Ms. Bryan seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED and the resolution passed.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be transacted, Ms. Propps made the motion to adjourn. Ms. Ford seconded the motion. The Board VOTED and the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Tomovski
CMCS Board Secretary