



Endeavor Board Meeting Minutes: October 19, 2015

Call to Order:

Kevin Myers called to order a meeting of the ECS Board of Directors at 7:06 pm in ECS Multipurpose Room.

Present:

Bill Borter, Kevin Myers, Lisa Springle, Kristy McClure and Clint White.

Minutes

Kevin Myers moved to approve the minutes from the Board meeting on September 14th as distributed. The motion was seconded by Clint White and unanimously approved.

Endeavor Foundation Update

David Clodgo updated the Board about the audit that is currently being conducted. Thus far there are no issues to be addressed. Joe Montgomery is handling the majority of the requests related to it. Kevin Myers asked that the Foundation begin to investigate where the state is with potential improvements to Capital Blvd. He and David will follow-up.

Clint White asked about the current state of improvements to the playground. This is on hold until a more concrete budget is in place.

Policy Amendments

As Peter Henderson was unexpectedly unable to attend, amendment to the admissions policy was tabled from the agenda until next month

Director's Update

- Today first day back for staff. Kids come back tomorrow.
- Administration went down to the State Capitol prior to track out, and Sen. Barefoot's office has been in touch about a site visit. Board will be informed once we have a date set.
- Fall Sports seasons ended after track out. Girls and Boys Cross Country and Boys Soccer all won conference championships, and trophies have been added to the cases in the front hallway

- A contact from the UTOTES program for which we were selected were on-site to assess what programs they can bring on-campus and are very excited to work with us given the resources we have available.
- We have been given an audio/visual buzzer system for the front door and are looking at options for installation.
- Alex Balla built and installed benches for our memorial garden as part of his Eagle Scout project. Additional improvements to the area are planned for the coming month.

Calendar

The Board discussed several calendar options for the 2016-2017 School Year. The current preference of staff is that we take a very short break at the end of 3rd quarter, begin the first 3 weeks of 4th quarter, and then have our spring break to align with Wake County.

The Board then discussed the half-days and the proposed conference day. There were concerns expressed about if the proposed conference day provided the flexibility that families with two working parents will need, and concerns about the ability of multi-student families to get adjacent conference times. The current proposal is an attempt to provide more flexibility in scheduling, but there is no perfect answer to solving the issue of scheduling.

In an effort to alleviate impact to families, some of the half-days were moved to Mondays so that the impact was not the beginning of the week. Kevin Myers made a motion to approve Calendar 1 as circulated during the meeting, with an adjustment of several early release days to Mondays. Clint White seconded, motion approved unanimously.

ECS Data Analysis

Craig Atkinson broke down the 2014-2015 state testing results and compared against other charters locally and across the state. Endeavor received a A+NG grade, which puts us in the top 3% of all schools in North Carolina. Craig took us through comparisons with other charters and traditional public schools in our area, and we compared very favorably.

A form of this data analysis will be shared with staff

Treasurer's Report

Bill Borter reported that the operating account balance is \$ \$1,076,607.16
Copies of the September budget report and transaction report were sent to Board members. Highlight is that we still do not have final budget communication from the state or Wake County.

In working with the swap advisor, we have been working with different financial institutions on improvements to terms. Next steps would be to select an attorney and finalize a lender.

The Board discussed recent news from Wake County about \$750 bonuses for each teacher, and adjustments to the teacher scale. Administration and Board are both working with Acadia and contacts with DPI and the County to understand how these are being funded and how / when the associated monies will come to our budget.

Open Board Positions

The Board continues to work to fill the open Board position, with a focus on those with legal and educational background.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Closed Session

Kevin Myers moved that the Board go into closed session in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Clint White seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the board moved into closed session at 8:21 p.m.

Public Session

Kevin Myers moved that the Board move to public session. Clint White seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved. The Board reconvened in public session at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

Kevin Myers moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. Clint White seconded. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 8:47 p.m.