Endeavor
Charter School

Endeavor Board Meeting: February 20, 2012

Call to Order:

After the conclusion of an update on the Endeavor Foundation's land search, Lisa Springle called to order the regular meeting of the Endeavor Charter School Board of Directors at 7:25 pm in Endeavor's multi-purpose room.

Present:

Lisa Springle, Steve McAdams, Lisa Bolton, Margaret Holder, Christian Nechyba, Helen Harris, Andy Kristianson, Jim Dotson, DJ Hill

Boosters Update:

Beth Johnson presented a booster's update. The boys' basketball record was 14 wins and 6 losses, and the girls' basketball record was 16 wins and 4 losses. This was the most successful season to date for both teams. Spring sports had started, including baseball (14 players), girls' soccer (23 players), and boys' tennis (11 players). The Strides for the Pride Family Fun Run/Walk would be held on March 23, at 12:30 pm at Baileywick Park.

Treasurer's Report:

Margaret Holder presented the treasurer's report. Bank balances were as follows:

Regions Bank:	$226,100.17
Bank of America:	$202,770.43
Harrington Bank (CD):	$226,620.47
Harrington Bank (Checking):	$173,661.20
First Citizens Bank:	$486,259.89

The projected end of year surplus for this school year was over the $190,000 surplus that had been projected in the 2011-2012 budget.

Director's Update:

Steve McAdams presented a director's update. Three school open houses had gone well. He thanked PAWS for a successful book fair. A search for a more affordable graduation venue was still in process. A CPR class for faculty and coaches would be held on February 29. He thanked the Boosters for providing teachers with free Endeavor Pride T-shirts.

Approval of Minutes:

Christian Nechyba moved for the approval of minutes from the January regular board meeting and the January 28 special board meeting. Andy Kristianson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Land Discussion:

Given the history of the Foundation land search, the board discussed new parameters for the search given that a suitable property had not been secured despite the extensive 3-year search communicated during the Foundation's land search update. These original parameters included a 10-minute driving radius from the current school location, and a 22-30 acre property, which could accommodate a K-8 school but also provided sufficient space to expand to high school in a single location. After board discussion, Lisa Springle moved that the ECS board formally advise the Endeavor Charter School Foundation of the following new parameters regarding the search for a new facilities location for Endeavor Charter School: (1) Increase the furthest driving radius from the current Forum Drive facility to 20 minutes. (2) The property should host at a minimum: the existing K-8 program, a gym, 2 athletic fields, and a youth playground. (3) As a baseline with 648 students, use 13% of the projected future school budget for facilities lease payments for financial modeling purposes. DJ Hill seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments:

A question was asked in follow up to the previous board discussion regarding the new Wake County student assignment plan, and its potential impact on Endeavor 8th grade students matriculating into the Wake County public high school system. The ECS board had sent a personal letter to every member of the Wake County school board expressing its belief that charter school students should be treated equitably as they enter the Wake County public high school system. A copy of this letter will be sent to every 8th grade family. Additionally, feedback will be sought regarding the school assignment experiences of current eighth grade families. After this data is collected, the ECS board plans to draft a second communication with the Wake County school board.

Closed Personnel Session:

Andy Kristianson moved that the board go into closed session to discuss routine personnel topics, in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (6). Christian Nechyba seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The board went into closed session at 8:10 pm. The board returned to open session at 8:12 pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.