



Endeavor Board Meeting Agenda: January 23, 2012

Call to Order:

Lisa Springle called to order the regular meeting of the Endeavor Charter School Board of Directors at 7 pm in Endeavor's multi-purpose room.

Present:

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

Presentations:

Amanda Habich presented Endeavor's annual audit results. She reported that the audit went well, and that there were no findings to report. Non-financial procedures were also reviewed, and met state requirements. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were identified. The auditors issued an unqualified opinion, which was the best possible outcome. The school ended the year with a very healthy cash balance (\$258,000 surplus). Form 990 was also reviewed.

Consent Agenda:

Christian Nechyba moved for the approval of minutes from the December board meeting. Lisa Springle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Brief Updates:

Tamara Santana provided an enrichment report for the second quarter. 166 students were enrolled in 11 classes - 78 after school, 62 in music ensembles, 23 before school, and 3 in the academic mentoring program. \$390 in staff and multi-class discounts was provided. Advertising to homeschool families was discussed, and a cybersafety workshop was being considered.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Regions Bank:	\$226,060.72
Bank of America:	\$202,761.85

Harrington Bank (CD): \$226,437.77
Harrington Bank (Checking): \$173,661.20
First Citizens Bank: \$596,081.67

The school currently had about \$1.2 million in liquid funds (after bonuses and the current payroll). The projected end of year surplus for this school year was \$380,000 (\$190,000 had been projected in the budget adopted in the spring.)

Director's Update:

Steve McAdams provided the director's update. Endeavor hosted a new charter high school from the Research Triangle. A CPR class was being arranged for staff and coaches. Endeavor's state report card looked great. The sibling admission lottery occurred today. The winter dance would be held on January 27th. Mark Root was sponsoring a "Souper Bowl" canned food drive and the Relay for Life. Questions regarding the high school application process were answered. The school was seeking survey data from Endeavor students who had entered high school.

Endeavor Values Teachers:

The board clarified that the organization of staff retreats, including opportunities for vertical alignment, were subject to administrative approval, but did not require board approval.

Jim Dotson presented an administrative continuing education proposal to allocate \$8,000 per year for administrative continuing education for the school's three administrators. If appropriate venues during the current year were not found, funds would carry over to a maximum of \$8,000 per year. An administrative continuing education log would be maintained by the Director and would include educational genre, location, tuition, and dates of classes or workshops. The Board Chair would review and approve the Director's continuing education expenses. When appropriate, administrators would provide a summary of key learning and a plan to apply this learning. Jim Dotson moved to allocate a total of \$8000 per year to facilitate the three administrators' continuing education classes, courses, or workshops; continuing education needed to be appropriate to the needs of the school. Lisa Springle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, with abstentions from Steve McAdams and Lisa Bolton.

Public Comments:

Tamara Santana expressed concerns about the Wake County student assignment plan and its impact on Endeavor and other charter students entering public high schools. The board would draft a letter to the Wake County school board to voice these concerns, and would seek feedback from current eighth grade families regarding the impact on the student assignment plan on their high school selection.

Foundation/Land Search Update:

Asa Rogerson stated that a search for smaller land parcels had been initiated since the December board meeting. He had toured 4 properties, but an ideal property had not been located. Wake County schools was closing on the Strickland/Baileywick property.

Andy Kristianson moved for the board to move into closed session in accordance with statute 143.318.11 (a) (5) in order to enter discussions pertaining to the Wake Forest Golf Club property. Lisa Springle seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The board went into closed session at 8:30 pm. The board reconvened in open session at 9:45 pm.

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 9:45 pm. The board returned to open session at 9:51 pm.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.