

CORPORATION FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
January 31, 2023 7:00 p.m.

I. Opening Items

Robin Henderson, presiding: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. MOTION: Gary Leonard, Seconded: Kay Smith Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

Members present: Robin Henderson, Kay Smith, Lori Stokes (via phone), Gary Leonard

Members absent: None

Ms. Henderson welcomed the participants and opened the meeting. A Quorum was established.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 meeting. MOTION: Gary Leonard, Seconded: Lori Stokes Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

II. Board Comments

Ms. Henderson noted that we would be voting in new Board members at the February meeting.

III. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

IV. Executive Director's Report

Dr. Davis went over the following items:

- We have started the second semester of classes.
- SWA graduated 5 students in December.
- SWA will be receiving the Purple Star Award. This award is given to schools that are considered military family-friendly.
- The Center for Safe Schools opened a new grant; we applied for up to \$220,000 to add cameras to the school. Should hear back in about 6 to 8 weeks.
- Compliance reports have all been submitted on time; school also submitted what is considered to be a conservative estimate of 625 student for the next school year.
- The juniors will take the ACTs in March; school will be offering prep sessions on test-taking strategies, etc.
- We had a successful Spirit Week that included a semi-formal dance for the middle school and high school homecoming. Kudos to Mr. Campbell, Ms. Hatcher and Ms. Morgan for all of their work.
- Implementing personal internal recognition with monthly celebrations for teachers and staff.
- Enrollment update: 90% current retention rate based on Intent to Return forms; 8th grade is grade with largest number not planning to return.

- Discussed student recruitment plans and possible feeder pipelines, proactive communication to 5th grade and 8th grade school counselors to explain our programs and what we offer.

V. Principals' Report

Mr. Wilson provided updates on the MS.

- Kudos to the middle school basketball teams and cheerleading squad for a completion of their season.
- Ms. A, Ms. Bonar and Ms. Cockrell attended teacher training skill workshop.
- Mr. Campbell, Ms. Irvin and Ms. Hogue formed an academic improvement team.
- SRO Decker presented a cyber-bullying program to all 8th grade students. This allowed for him to introduce himself to students and provide important anti-bullying information. We are looking to provide this program to all grades.

Mr. Noble provided updates on the HS.

- Ms. Hatcher did a great job for the high school for Spirit Week and Homecoming.
- Mr. Harris attended the state's Beta Club convention and SWA took home some awards.
- Mr. Garver took 3 freshman students to the NC Ethics Bowl, which is similar to a debate.
- All seniors are on track to graduate this spring!

VI. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session to discuss personnel issues and other confidential information. A motion was made to go into Closed Session at 7:47 pm. MOTION: Lori Stokes, Seconded: Gary Leonard Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

A motion was made to enter back into Open Session at 8:27 pm. MOTION: Gary Leonard, Seconded: Lori Stokes Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

VII. Actions Taken

In the closed session, Dr. Davis presented a slate of contract amendments to the Board for approval. These amendments were primarily free period buy-backs to supplement teachers on leave and to implement contracts with the stipends to be paid for coaches of the various athletic teams.

A motion was made to approve the slate of contract amendments presented by Dr. Davis. MOTION: Kay Smith, Seconded: Gary Leonard Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

VIII. Adjournment

Ms. Henderson announced the next Board meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

Motion made to adjourn. MOTION: Gary Leonard Seconded: Lori Stokes Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Robin Henderson, President

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