

**Pulaski Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a Academics Plus Charter School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 12, 2010**

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

- I. Call to Order/ Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Sweere.
Attendance: Board members in attendance were Mr. Farrar, Mr. Robinson, Ms. Branton, Ms. Henson, Mr. Loken, Lt. Breckon, Mr. Ribich, and Mr. Sweere. Absent from the meeting was Dr. Henderson. Administrators in attendance were Mr. Honea.
- II. Public Comments**

No public comments were made.
- III. Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Ribich made the motion to approve the December 12, 2009, minutes as amended. Ms. Henson seconded the motion. Motion was passed by all. Mr. Ribich asked to look at the minutes from the special called meeting more closely and vote on the minutes at the next meeting. Mr. Robinson made the motion. Ms. Henson seconded. Motion was passed by all.
- IV. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. Financial Reports:**

Mr. Loken made the motion to accept the revenue status report, expense status report, and statements of changes in fund balance as presented to the trustees for Period 6 December 2009. Mr. Ribich seconded the motion. Motion was passed by all. Mr. Sweere stated the Administration should be commended for continued financial success.
- V. Old Business**
 - a. Kroger Building:**

Based on board action at last meeting, gave attorney instructions to proceed. Goal is to have a decision later this week. Received communication from Kroger regarding what was said in the last board meeting. Kroger took exception with APCS stating they were slow to respond. Kroger also had an issue with progress being discussed in a public forum.
- VI. Superintendent's Report**
 - a. Enrollment:**

Enrollment is currently at 528. Mr. Honea stated that the quality of students are better than last year. Mr. Ribich questioned if the student who stated they left due to homework policy was something that needed to be addressed by the policy committee. Mr. Honea stated that

the homework club policy is the same policy as the beginning of school. Mr. Robinson stated he would like to see more comments that state the academics are too difficult. Mr. Farrar questioned if revenues would be down since the enrollment is at 528. Lt. Breckon questioned if the parents who listed facilities as the problem could be questioned.

b. Student Achievement:

Northwest Assessment will begin in February. We will also test before school is out.

c. Staffing:

Hired Kim Ward in Human Resources Department and Heather Stock as a Math teacher. Mr. Candelaria is no longer working for APCS. Mr. Ribich questioned who hired the sub that was in Ms. Douglas' class. Mr. Honea stated he hired and fired him.

d. Stimulus Funds:

Mr. Loken made the motion to adopt stimulus fund budget as given to the trustees. Ms. Hinson seconded the motion. Lt. Breckon stated he did not receive a copy. Motion was passed with a six member vote. Lt. Breckon abstained.

e. Other

Concurrent Credit

Mr. Ribich questioned why ninth graders were not offered AP courses. Mr. Ribich made the motion for the Superintendent to provide a report to the board of trustees that addresses the number of students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades that have not taken the ACT. Ms. Hinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Parent Communication Update

Twenty-eight parents called. Spoke with eight or ten people. Received no complaints about staff or administration. Received complaints about dress policy and past election.

Lori Lackey

Regarding not working with secondary school. Ms. Lackey is over several reporting issues, and students. State guideline is 1 counselor to 400 students. Our school is currently 1/528.

VII. New Business

a. Finance Committee

b. Policy Committee – Mr. Loken, Chair

Twenty people attended the last meeting. Goals are to review election process, review bylaws, review district policy, dress code, grading, disaster recovery, and handbook. Spent the majority of the time on the election. No recommended action at this time.

c. Campus Life – Lt. Breckon and Dr. Henderson, Co-Chairs

Race to the top grant. Concerns addressed in special meeting. No recommended action.

d. Facilities Committee – Mr. Ribich, Chair

Next meeting will be January 12, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. Committee is working on copy of zonal inspections tailor to our facilities. Establish zones for school. Also should have a Kroger building update.

e. Community Relations Committee – Ms. Hinson, Chair

Due to scheduling, no meeting yet. First meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in Mr. Honea's office. Mr. Sweere asked if there was currently a PTO. Mr. Honea stated there is currently an elected official. Mr. Ribich asked what the school is doing with the busses. Mr. Honea stated that the school uses the busses for field trips, athletic events, and other charter schools can rent them out. Mr. Sweere stated the reason he asked about the PTO is because Community Relations committee needs to work with the PTO and the Foundation.

VIII. Executive Session

Lt. Breckon made the motion for a brief executive session. Mr. Farrar seconded the motion. Motion was passed. No action was taken.

IX. Other

Mr. Loken made the recommendation that trustees be careful on how they request information. Report cards were due out Friday and are still not out. Be aware that the administration cannot proactively plan their day without adequate notice of requests for information.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Robinson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Loken seconded the motion. Motion was passed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.