

Pulaski Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a Academics Plus Charter School Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 22, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jess Sweere at 1:45 p.m.

I. Call to order/ Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Sweere. Board Members in attendance were Mr. Ribich, Ms. Henson, Mr. Dustin Henderson, Dr. Don Henderson, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Crawford, Lt. Breckon and Mr. Loken
Administrators in attendance were Mr. McGill and Ms. Ward.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Recommendations

1. Approval to request the State Board of Education increase the Enrollment Cap for Academics Plus Charter School from 650 students to 1300 students.

Rationale: APCS has a current enrollment of 624 students. This is an increase of 106 students (20%) since June 1, 2010. We currently have 27 senior students scheduled to graduate in May 2011. Over the past two years the kindergarten classes have averaged 50 students. We anticipate an even larger kindergarten class because the new elementary building will be complete in August 2010. Without growth in any other grade levels, the fact of losing 27 seniors and gaining only 53 kindergarten students we will have an enrollment of 650 students. This does not leave APCS with any room to grow.

Once the new elementary building is complete there will be an additional twelve classrooms on campus. The new elementary school will attract future growth and space will be available if the cap is increased.

The current Ten Year Facilities Plan is a 5 phase plan. The new 450 student elementary school already under construction is phase I. Phase II is an addition to the new elementary school to include a cafeteria and an additional 150 student capacity. Phase III is the construction of a new gym/auditorium. Phase IV is the construction of a new high school with a capacity of 450 students. Phase V is an addition to the new high school that will increase capacity to 600 students. Once the ten year plan is complete the campus will have a student capacity of 1300 students K-12 in quality buildings. Over the past four years the school has averaged an additional 70 students per year.

Growth is anticipated to continue and estimates are as follows:

August 2011 – 775 students. (Physical Capacity = 850 students)
August 2012 – 850 students.
August 2013 – 925 students. (Complete Phase II, Physical Capacity = 1000 students)
August 2014 – 1000 students.
August 2015 – 1100 students. (Complete Phase III, Physical Capacity = 1100 students)
August 2016 – 1100 students.

August 2017 – 1200 students. (Complete Phase IV, Physical Capacity = 1200 students)
August 2018 – 1300 students. (Complete Phase V, Physical Capacity = 1300 students)

As the school has grown the diversity of our student population has also grown. During the 2006-2007 school year the school had an African American student population of 5% and a minority population of 11.9%. That number has increased steadily as the school has grown to a current 19.77% and 28.1% respectively.

With continued growth the school should become even more diverse.

According to the 2010 Gadberry Group report Maumelle is the fastest growing city in Arkansas.

In order to continue with the Ten Year Facilities Plan the student cap must be increased. The school must grow in numbers and show financial institutions that continued growth will occur. The financial institutions must see that the school can generate the funds necessary to fund any further improvements to the campus.

The school generates additional revenue by increasing student population.

Therefore, the student cap should be increased to accommodate the potential growth.

Cost: 0

Funding Source: N/A

Mr. Ribich motioned to approve the resolution to have the Executive Director request the State Board of Education raise the student capacity for Academics Plus Charter School from 650 to 1300. Mr. Dustin Henderson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. School Calendar

Rationale: The school has been out for two snow days and one day for electrical outage. Two of these days must be made up. In order to end the year as early in the summer as possible it is recommended that one day be made up on February 21, 2011, which is President's Day. We need to dismiss as early as possible in the summer so construction and renovation may begin as soon as possible.

Cost: 0

Funding Source: N/A

Lt. Breckon motioned to accept the recommendation of the Executive Director to adjust the school calendar as presented. Mr. Dustin Henderson seconded the motion. Mr. Loken was out of the room during the vote. Motioned carried.

IV. Property and Facilities Planning

1. Purchase of facility next to the school

Rationale: This would allow Academics Plus Charter School to gain more land.

Cost: \$300,000

Mr. Ribich motioned to authorize the Executive Director to enter a lease with the Maumelle Foundation for Education and direct the Maumelle Foundation for Education to incur additional debt for purchase of Kiddie Cottage, Maumelle Facility. Conditional on \$300K or appraised value plus closing costs, whichever one is less. Mr. Loken seconded the motion. The motion carried.

V. Vision and Long Term Planning

1. Change the school's motto

Mrs. Hensen motioned to accept Producing High Performers as the school's motto. Mr. Dustin Henderson seconded the motion. One nay from Mr. Crawford. The motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mr. Sweere made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at **2:19** p.m.