

Pulaski Charter Schools, Inc., d/b/a Academics Plus Charter School Meeting of the Board of Trustees, March 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:09 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. Loken, Dr. Henderson, Mr. Robinson, Lt. Breckon, Mr. Ribich, Ms. Henson, and Mr. Sweere. Administration in attendance was Mr. Honea, Dr. Lackey, and Ms. Carter.

II. Executive Director Appointment

The board voted last night to hire Rob McGill in a unanimous decision as the new Executive Director. Mr. McGill accepted, negotiated contract which was handed out in meeting. Mr. McGill introduced himself. McGill stated that he believes in the board's vision for the school, is excited, and looks forward to working with staff, parents, and students. His number one priority is the students. Mr. Sweere extended gratitude to Mr. Honea for his service. Sweere stated that Mr. Honea has brought the school a long way. Dr. Henderson made the motion to adopt contract. Ms. Henson seconded the motion. Mr. Loken questioned if the blank page was information that was missing. Motion carried.

III. Public Comments

- a. Tim Clark, PCSSD school board president, stated that he is proud to keep Mr. McGill in the community. Clark stated that PCSSD's loss is APCS's gain. Wished Mr. McGill good luck.
- b. Mr. Sweere recognized the members of City Council that was present and Mayor Watson. Sweere stated that he hopes a great relationship can be established between the school and city.
- c. Ms. Henderson questioned why parents were not aware of a meeting, nor a change in Superintendents. Mr. Sweere stated that the process was very sensitive based on individual and issue involved. Sweere stated that an opportunity presented itself, and Mr. Honea indicated once his contract was complete he was retiring. Sweere stated that he felt McGill would be the best candidate to replace him. Board called a special meeting. Notified press because of rules in that situation. No advertisements were issued for the position. Not prepared to respond in an open forum regarding Dr. Lackey. Mr. Ribich stated that everything in this process was done following the charter.
- d. Mr. Henderson stated that he does not question the candidate. He questions some of the board members.

- e. Ms. Henderson questioned if Mr. McGill's history at PCSSD was taken into consideration. Mr. Sweere stated that board looked at record, integrity, performance, and achievement.
- f. Ms. Small questioned what the board's vision of the school is and what McGill can bring to the table that is different than Honea. Mr. Sweere stated that the board's goal is for APCS to be the top college prep school in Central Arkansas, hopefully the state.
- g. Mr. Hobbs questioned how the process could move so quickly with no opening published. Questioned whether it was wise to move so quickly. Mr. Sweere stated that he could not speak as to what is wise. Mr. Ribich stated that the board followed guidelines of the US Constitution, Charter, ADE, bi laws, Articles of Incorporation, and state laws. Mr. Ribich stated the board was not required to post the position. Mr. Sweere stated it is our right to have the best leadership in this school and he would not change anything. Mr. Sweere stated that monthly meetings are easy to publish on website. Mr. Sweere stated that there was not enough time to publish the meeting Sunday night.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Minutes need approved for last scheduled meeting, special meeting, and the meeting last night. Minutes from last night were not available in hard copy. Mr. Robinson made the motion to approve the minutes from Feb. 15th and Feb. 22nd as written. Mr. Ribich seconded the motion. Motion carried. Mr. Ribich made the motion to defer approving the minutes of last night's meeting. Mr. Loken seconded the motion. Motion carried.

V. Executive Director's Report

a. Enrollment

Enrollment is at 525. Down 7 students due to lack of attendance.

b. Testing

Eleventh grade will be taking the literacy exam Tuesday and Wednesday.

c. Calendar Days

Mr. Honea recommended March 19th, June 1st, and June 2nd as make up days. Mr. Loken questioned if days were in accordance with ADE requirements. Mr. Honea stated yes. Dr. Henderson made the motion to adopt Mr. Honea's recommendation to adjust the calendar for March 19th, June 1st, and June 2nd. Ms. Henson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

d. Special Education

ADE Special Ed will be meeting with APCS Tuesday and Wednesday to discuss evaluation. Hired Amy Moore as the new Special Education teacher. She will be starting shortly.

e. Hiring

Attended two job fairs. One at UCA and the other at UALR.

VI. Committee Reports

a. Finance – Mr. Farrar, Chair

Met Tuesday at 6:30 a.m. Discussed future funding with Cruise & Associates for loans, financial audit, payments regarding Pathwise mentoring, and agenda items.

1. Treasure's report

The February 15th motion to successfully address ten outstanding items from the finance committee have been successfully resolved. January 2010 operating period revenues of \$236,140, expenses of \$230,700 with excess funds for the period of \$5,440. The trustees have not yet received the final financial reports for February. This will be discussed during next month's committee meeting. Mr. Loken made the motion to accept the revenue status report, summary expenditures status report, and statement of changes in fund balance for January 2010. Mr. Farrar seconded the motion. Mr. Ribich questioned if two remaining items were not in compliance. Mr. Loken stated there are no unresolved issues. Check off list is being utilized and ACT funding investigated and corrected. The funds got put into wrong account. Motion carried.

b. Policy – Mr. Loken, Chair

Policy meeting held on February 27th at 9:00 a.m. Reviewed election procedures through section 3.12. Next policy meeting will be on March 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the yellow building.

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

Meeting will be held 4:00 p.m. Thursday. Looking into possibly starting a music booster club.

d. Facilities – Mr. Ribich, Chair

Mr. Ribich gave an update on the Kroger building. Notified by Hal Kemp that Kroger had recanted on prior provision of contract regarding delivery of property with fuel center. Looking into other options. Next meeting Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 a.m.

e. Community Relations – Ms. Hinson, Chair

Met at 4:00 on February 28th. Stated that Ms. Corbett and journalism class will pass info on to Maumelle Monitor. Next meeting will be March 18th at 4:00 in Mr. Honea's office. Mr. Sweere stated that this committee working hand and hand with Foundation and PTO. Needs support and participation.

VII. New Business

Mr. Honea looking into Lutheran school purchase. Unfortunately, the school has announced that it is closing.

Trying to recruit students from the school. Mr. Ribich asked Lutheran High School revenue. Everything except the uniforms, trophies, and personal items are included in the price. Mr. Robinson stated that the main focus needs to be Maumelle. Mr. Sweere directed the facilities committee to look into the purchase.

VIII. Adjournment

Dr. Henderson made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Ribich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.