

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 20th 2024

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Science Classroom - Southeastern Academy Charter School

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:23pm. Misty Stone

**Roll Call:** Misty Stone

Board Members Present: Misty Stone, April Oxendine, Brian Glotzbach, Paru Patel, Tanner Smith, Corey Walters

Board Members Absent: Adrian Lowery, Paul Bass, Lonnell Dixon, Scott McLean

Others Present: Tanya Branch, Dr. Lewis Cox, Lisa Ard, Tammy Rogers, Mike Morse, Katie Morse, Erin Prevatte, Alex Prevatte, Lisa Zekanis, Alicia Lamb, Jen Whitley, Sam Powers

**Mission Statement:** Misty Stone

Southeastern Academy Charter School will maintain high expectations and promote excellence, especially in the fields of math and science for all students. The school, within its rural community, will foster a caring and creative learning environment. The school emphasizes the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development of each child. This will be obtained through learning experiences that help children reach their greatest potential in order to function as independent learners in a diverse and ever-changing society.

**Vision Statement:** Misty Stone

A Diverse Family of Learners that Seek to Challenge the Whole Child Through Innovation.

**Approval of April 22nd 2024 Meeting Minutes:** Misty Stone

Motion made by Paru Patel to approve the minutes from April 22nd scheduled board meeting as presented; Corey Walters seconded. 0 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion made to enter Closed Session by Corey Walters and seconded by Brian Glotzbach; 0 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.

Open Board Session resumed at 6:42pm.

**Finance & Repair(s):** Tanya Branch

 Nothing to report regarding repairs.

Tanya Provided documents to the board regarding the finances for the remainder of the school year. There will be plenty of money to move around and at the end of June state revenue will be paid out. The board packet on finances included the 2024-2025 school budget. The Safety grant and SRSA grant will roll over and no state monies can be left over.

A recommendation was brought forth by the Finance Committee to adopt the 2024-2025 school budget as presented; Peru Patel seconded; 0 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.

**Committee Reports:**

**Finance Committee:**

* The Finance committee provided information regarding purchasing a bus for the school. The bus is a 2015 Blue Bird Vision 71 Passenger. Tanner made the motion from the finance committee to authorize the purchase of the bus option #3 at $51, 345.00 and not to exceed $60,000.00 and seconded by Paru Patel; 0 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.
* The Finance committee provided information regarding the bank accounts for SeA and Brain Glotzabach motioned to take Truist Money Market account $599,346.72 into 4 CDs at Edward Jones in a laddered approach which will be a 3-month rate at 5.35; 6 -month 5.31; 9- month 5.31 and 1- year 5.25 1 each at $125,000. The remaining will be placed in a CD at United Bank; seconded by Paru Patel; 1 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.

**Policy Committee:**

Has not met since last meeting.

**Education Committee:**

Have seen trend in growth regarding Math and Science EOGs.

**Nominating Committee (Ad-hoc committee)- Corey Walters**

Paul Bass, Scott McLean, Lonnell Dixon and Tanner Smith will be rotating off the board. Misty Stone stated that she will serve on the board (as a member) for one more year, and mentor/help transition the new chairperson. Misty Stone recommended that Corey Walters serve as the new Chairperson; all werein agreeance.

The new Board Members are as follows and they all agreed to serve on the SeA Board of Directors.

Betsy Wilson (Parent), Brittany Waddell (Parent), Tina Bowen (Retired EC Teacher), James Vance (IT/Business)

Alternate: Donnie Paschall Sr.

Corey Walters made a motion to accept the new board members as presented; seconded by Tanner Smith; 0 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.

**We will discuss the 2024-2025 Board Meeting Dates at the next June board meeting with the new members present.**

**Principal’s Report**: Dr. Lewis Cox

May 20th: Award Ceremonies for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades.

May 21st: Award Ceremonies for 3 and 4th grades, and 5th -7th grades.

May 22nd: 5:30pm Athletic Banquet

May 23rd: 6:00pm 8th grade graduation

May 24th: 1pm early release and last day of school.

Eleven 8th graders have been accepted to Early College, two are on a waitlist for Early College.

May 28th Summer School will begin.

Safety Grant (automatic/locked fence) installments will be installed over the summer.

For the June 17th board meeting, Dr. Cox would like to have a virtual meeting at 3pm due to him and other staff being present at the Robeson County Commissioners meeting at 6:00pm. Dr Cox will be requesting funding regarding new additions and improvements to the school. He asked if some of the Board Members would like to attend the meeting.

**Public Comments**

*(Parent) Michael Morse* addressed the board regarding policy changes pertaining to safety on the playground.

*(Teacher) Erin Prevatte* addressed the board regarding concerns of staffing. In addition, she shared parent concerns about discipline in the kindergarten classroom.

**Adjournment**:

The next board meeting will be June 17th 2024 at 3:00pm (virtual). Paru Patel made a motion to adjourn the board meeting at 7:07pm; Tanner Smith seconded. 0 abstain, 0 no, all in favor, motion carried.