

# *Southeastern Academy Charter School*

## **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Library - Southeastern Academy Charter School

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm

Shelley Foil

**Roll Call:**

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Board Members Present: Shelley Foil, Tami George, Angelica Chavis-McIntyre, Paru Patel, Greg Caulder, Tanner Smith

Board Members Absent: Gwendolyn Robert-Payne, Scott McLean

Others Present: Tanya Branch, Kristen Stone

**Mission Statement:**

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*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:**

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

**Approval of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Meeting Minutes –**

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MOTION: Tanner Smith made a motion to approve the June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes as written.

Greg Caulder seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports -**

*FINANCE* – Tami George, chair

No Report

*POLICY* – Greg Caulder, chair

No report

*EDUCATION* – Gwendolyn Roberts Payne, chair

No Report

**COVID-19 Policies** – The board reviewed the current COVID data for Robeson County and North Carolina as well as the NC Strong Schools Toolkit. They also discussed whether to require masks for the 2021-2022 school year. The board outlined the following layered COVID-19 mitigation strategies:

1. Handwashing
2. Respiratory etiquette
3. Staying home when exhibiting symptoms or a family is exhibiting symptoms
4. Regular cleaning/disinfecting to reduce transmission risk

Tanner Smith made a motion that masks be optional for the 2021-2022 school year with a strong recommendation that masks be worn by all students and staff regardless of vaccination status. Furthermore, the SeA School Board will continue to monitor school and community transmission rates and may amend the decision accordingly. The motion was seconded by Greg Caulder. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Report from the Principal** – Kristen Stone

1. Charter Renewal – Kristen Stone reported that the school officially submitted a letter to the Office of Charter Schools to renew our charter and it was successfully received.
2. Partnership with Fayetteville State – Kristen Stone reported that a representative from Fayetteville State reached out about enrolling in a free program that would offer SeA students online tutoring with Fayetteville State students. Paru Patel made a motion that the board accept Kristen Stone’s recommendation to participate in the free Fayetteville State online tutoring program. Angelica Chavis-McIntyre seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.
3. Personnel – Kristen Stone recommended that the board hire Rachel Murillo-Correa as the new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Mrs. Correa is a graduate from UNCP and a former student teacher at SeA. She has been working in Cumberland County since graduation. Paru Patel made a motion that the board accept Kristen Stone’s recommendation to hire Rachel Murillo-Correa as the new 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. Seconded by Tanner Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Finance & Repair(s) Update**– Tanya Branch, Financial Secretary

1. Finance - Tanya Branch distributed and reviewed the financials as of June 30, 2021. She reported that the school was successful in spending all the state and federal funds.
2. Repairs – None at this time

**Other Business** – None to report.

**Adjournment** – MOTION: At 6:49 pm, Greg Caulder made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Tanner Smith. All in favor. Motion carried.

The SeA Board meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm by Chairman, Shelley Foil.

Next meeting will be held on September 28th at 6:00pm.