

# Southeastern Academy Charter School

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, April 28th, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Location:** Zoom – Southeastern Academy Charter School

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

Lori Blackley

**Roll Call:**

Lori Blackley

Board Members Present: Paul Bass, Lori Blackley, Greg Caulder, Angelica Chavis-McIntyre, Shelley Foil, Tami George, Scott McLean, Paru Patel, Gwendolyn Roberts-Payne

Board Members Absent: No absences

Others Present: Tanya Branch, Kristen Stone

**Mission Statement:**

Lori Blackley

*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:**

Lori Blackley

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

**Approval of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes –**

MOTION: Scott McLean made a motion to approve the March minutes as written. Angelica Chavis-McIntyre seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Committee Reports -**

*FINANCE* – Tami George, chair

Tami George reported that the Finance committee has not met but will schedule a Zoom meeting in the next couple of weeks.

*POLICY* – Greg Caulder, chair

FMLA Policy from DPI Charter Schools. With the new expansion of FMLA we now fall under the guidelines. MOTION: Tami George made a motion that the board accept the FMLA Emergency Policy as written. Seconded by Paul Bass. All in favor. Motion carried.

*EDUCATION* – Gwendolyn Roberts Payne, chair

Gwendolyn Roberts-Payne reported that the school will be closed for the rest of the school year and will continue with virtual learning through May 22<sup>nd</sup>. A detailed email was sent to parents that also included the grading guidelines approved by the NC State Board of Education.

### **Report from the Principal – Kristen Stone**

1. **LOTTERY UPDATES** - Lottery went well. All kindergarten parents have confirmed but 1 family. We have 269 students on the waitlist. There is a waitlist for each grade level. Mrs. Ard sent out an email reminding those who got in, that they have until May 2 to confirm. After that they go to the bottom of the list and the next person on the waitlist gets the opportunity.
2. **VIRTUAL LEARNING UPDATE** - Virtual learning is going well. 99% of our students are participating. Some students are not consistent but doing work (about 4%). Teachers have reached out to those parents. School buildings are now closed for the remainder of the year. Remote learning will continue. We are hoping participation does not decline now that students know school will not resume and grading has changed. In grades K-5, students will not receive a final grade. Instead of a final grade, teachers will provide year-end feedback regarding learning for the full academic school year. Grading ended on March 13. In grades 6-8 students will receive a Pass "PC19" or Withdrawal "WC19" for the final course grades. PC19 will be assigned to any student who was meeting expectations and passing the course as of March 13. WC19 would go to any student who was unable to improve to the point of passing the course through remote learning opportunities. Math 1 students will have the choice of their grade as of the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks, or the PC19/WC19 option. An email was sent to all parents on April 27 with this information.
3. **EMERGENCY FUNDING APPLICATION** - Emergency funds will be available to schools under the CARES ACT. SeA is eligible for \$46,181 on the low end, to \$50,799 in the high range. We would like board approval to apply for these funds to counteract the 3% budget cuts that DPI is advising us may happen in the upcoming school year. A 3% state budget cut would be approximately \$50,000 for us. The application process will begin in June.

### **Report from the Financial Secretary – Tanya Branch, Financial Secretary**

1. **Financial Report** – A copy of the financials through March were emailed to all board members prior to the meeting. There are still monies to be collected from the Local (32%), State (32%), and Federal (26.22%) governments.
2. **Repairs** – No repairs to report.

**Other Business** – None to report.

**Adjournment** – MOTION: At 6:28 pm, Gwendolyn Roberts-Payne made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Paru Patel. All in favor. Motion carried.

The SeA Board meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm by Chairman, Lori Blackley.

Next meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 6:00pm.