

Community Education Association, Inc.

d/b/a Odyssey School

Board Minutes

August 6, 2009

The Governing Board of Community Education Association, Inc. d/b/a Odyssey School held a meeting on August 6 at Christ Church located at 2675 Hwy 34 E in Newnan, Georgia. Members in attendance: Jimmy DiGullio, Lance Duncan, Dara Williams, Frances Reyes, Steve Holland, Sakita Johnson-Simmons, Janet Webber, Joe Owens, and ex-officio member Andy Geeter. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM. Absent: Jerrod Knapp, Mark Hanes and Jeff Brandon.

Approval of Old Minutes

Minutes from July 16, 2009 meeting read aloud by Frances Reyes and approved by the Board.

School Directors' Reports

- School director's report was read and discussed by Andy Geeter.
- State furloughs unknown for state charter schools
- Andy to setup closing date with Bank of Georgia around mid-August.
- Georgia Virtual Academy- written director's report submitted and read by Matt Arkin.

Action Teams and Sub-Committee Reports

- Curriculum Sub-committee (Joe):
 - Science curriculum committee met. Starting with Coach books, still looking at other curriculum programs.
- Facilities Sub-committee (Steve):
 - Construction update provided and reviewed.
- Finance Sub-committee:
 - Jeff has resigned. Need new chair for sub committee.
- HR/Staff Sub-committee (Frances):
 - Review HR guidelines submitted by Frances. Identify any necessary policies.
- GVA (Janet)
 - Janet will be resigning from the Board to head up GVA High School Board.
 - Sakita will be new chair.
 - Publish GVA report on GVA website.
- PTO:
 - Nothing to report

Old Business

- Director's Review Process
 - Cannot locate goals set last year.
 - Need to perform the review next month.
- Maintenance of Board documents.
 - Odyssey
 - Add policies
 - Add agenda
 - GVA
 - Matt Arkin will publish his redacted Director's report on the GVA website

New Business

- Board Elections

- Jeff Brandon resigned
- Janet Webber (GVA) resigned
- Lance Duncan – end of term
- Two at large positions
- Check charter on timing of elections
- Announce positions and needs (financial) at orientation
- Hold elections in September or October

Policies/Charter Amendments

- Conflict of Interest/Disclosure Policy – First Reading
 - All in favor
- Non-Discrimination Policy – Second Reading
 - Minor grammatical corrections
 - Passed
- Grade Acceleration – Second Reading
 - Removed “proposed” from the title
 - Removed “(grades 2-4)”
 - Passed
- Whistleblower Policy – Second Reading
 - Remove “Draft”
 - Mark website to indicate Vice President as point of contact
 - Passed
- Document and Destruction Policy – Second Reading
 - Remove “Draft”
 - Passed
- Policy on Policies and Financial Information – Second Reading
 - Remove “Draft”
 - Passed
- Joint Ventures with Taxable Entities – Second Reading
 - Remove “Draft”
 - Three edits
 - Is operated
 - Spelling error – the
 - School’s
 - Passed
- Discipline Policy (Replacement) – Second Reading
 - Changed consequence wording from “may be expelled” to “possible expulsion subject to a discipline hearing.”
 - Passed
- Bid Policy – First Reading
 - All in favor
- Compensation of Key Employees – First Reading
 - All in favor

Open Discussion

- Discipline Policy
 - Concern regarding sexual activity among students (middle school) being a level 2 offense.
 - Question as to why no appeal after grade acceleration decision.
 - Discipline hearing needed for next week.

Resolutions:

- Dara Williams moves to approve old minutes. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept minor grammatical corrections to the Non-Discrimination Policy. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept the Non-Discrimination Policy as read with corrections. Passed unanimously.
- Dara Williams moves to accept edits to the Grade Acceleration Policy. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept the Grade Acceleration Policy as read with edits. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept the Whistleblower Policy as read. Passed unanimously.
- Dara Williams moves to accept the Document and Destruction Policy as read. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept the Policy on Policies and Financial Information as read. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept the edits to the Joint Ventures with Taxable Entities Policy. Passed unanimously.
- Jimmy DiGuilio moves to accept the Joint Ventures with Taxable Entities Policy as read with edits. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Owens moves to accept the edits to the Discipline Policy. Passed unanimously.
- Janet Webber moves to accept the Discipline Policy as read with edits. Passed unanimously.
- Steve Holland moves to adjourn the meeting. Passed unanimously.


There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2009 at 6:30. This meeting will be an executive session for the discipline committee.


The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 10, 2009 at 6:30 PM.



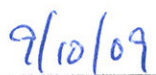
Frances Reyes, President
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Date



Steve Holland, Secretary
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