

Carbon Valley Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 18, 2006

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35 p.m. by Mr. Wes LaVanchy, President.

Roll Call:

Attendees:

Board Members: Merrie Harper, Dustin Jones, Wes LaVanchy, Monique Miller, Jason Jones

Absent: Anne-Marie Nichols

Operations Manager: Tony Carey

Principal: Chad Auer

Visitors: Megan Auer, Stacy Judson, Jace and Heidi Deeter, Brian Silbernagel, Stephanie Kajcienski, Dennis Usher, Maria Goter, Kelly Lanning, Karen Stephenson, Ali Lutgens, Bonnie Steinbrecher, Debbie Patrick, Gwen Borrego, Dawn Reed, Kathy Burger, Allen and Sabrina McDaniel, Tammy Lewis, Stacy Weigand, Megan Weigand, Christie Villano

Motions Approved:

1-Approval of Agenda

Moved by JJ, seconded by DJ

Approved by unanimous consent.

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

Megan Auer thanked the Board of Directors for being on the Board and for working toward the vision of CVA in spite of any negative comments that they might have received.

2-Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of Minutes from 9/13, 9/27 and 10/2 BOD Meetings.

Moved by MM, seconded by JJ.

Approved by unanimous consent.

3-Motion to approve the School Start Proposal

Moved by MH, seconded by JJ.

Approved by unanimous consent.

Regular Business:

Policy – “Waiting List”:

- Proposed changes to the current CVA Lottery Process were discussed and presented to the Board.
- The proposed changes included having two lotteries per year, one on February 15th, and another on June 15th, then others as needed until the start of the school year.
- An additional change was proposed to keep each lottery waiting list active for only one school year annualized each February.
- Finally, a policy that K students can only be put in the following year's lottery in January of the preceding year was proposed.
- It was suggested that prior to finalizing the revised policy, that it be run past CVA's attorney to make sure it is in compliance with all State rules and regulations regarding lotteries and waiting lists.
- Orientation meetings will be scheduled for all potential students/families, and attendance will be mandatory prior to enrolling in the lottery.
- The revised “waiting list policy” will be placed on next month's agenda.

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School Start Proposal:

- The School Start Proposal is to retain them to help CVA as we move forward with administrative and governance policies and procedures as we continue to grow from a start-up school.

Facilities:

- Tony Carey stated that one of the lease option purchase points for the CVA building is coming up in December. Russ Caldwell and Tatonka are two companies that are working with us to make this happen. The current lease is very complicated. Worse that could happen if we don't exercise this option by December is that the purchase price will escalate to approx. \$100,000 more in 2008 dollars.
- Expansion and vision of the site plan has been given to an architect and some rough plans have been drafted. Traffic control was one issue that has been addressed and the solution is to move everything back including the flag pole, cut the curb and move the trees so that whole front of building becomes the pick up and drop off area. Playground is designed as asphalt basketball court and playground area. We need to increase our water tap size which will be about \$100,000. Sprinklers and a soccer field will follow. A backstop and a baseball field can happen thereafter. Preschool might be moved out of the building and given a modular or we might be able to expand another classroom to give them more room. Sidewalk would be made wider and everything would move over and hopefully we would own additional land so more parking could be implemented. The fire access would remain the same.

Staff Reports:

Principal – Chad Auer:

- Middle School dance - Nov 17
- Report on MN trip - went very well. Mr. Auer was able to observe all classrooms and meet with staff members. He reported that he gained a number of good ideas in terms of critical organizational structures.
- Coffee Talk - Turn out was great last week. Thank you to all who attended.
- Accolades to Jessica Renner - working very hard in middle school and making tremendous improvements.
- Work Hard, Be Nice program is going well. Rotary will sponsor a poster contest and donate \$100 in books to the winning students classroom.

Operations – Tony Carey:

- Virtual School proposal has been submitted to the SVVSD Board of Directors. They will likely vote on approval at their December meeting.

Board of Directors Reports & Committee Updates

Committee name or issue – Board Member

- Reminder Fall Festival & Craft Fair November 4, 2006, 3-7 p.m.

Next Special Board Meeting – No request at this time

Next Regular Board Meeting – November 13, 2006, 6:30 pm, Harvard Room at CVA

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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