

Carbon Valley Academy Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2007

Meeting Called to Order: 6:37 pm

Roll Call - Attendees: Merrie Harper, Monique Miller, Wes LaVancy, Dustin Jones (arrived at 6:45pm)

Changes to Agenda: Monique Miller requested that the HS Project Feasibility Discussion be taken from consent to action agenda. Unanimously approved. Remaining consent agenda items approved unanimously.

Public Comment:

Denis Usher - Commented that BOD meeting minutes were not showing up on website. Staff responded that the website is under transition - Brandi Wilson is available to provide hard copies. Mr. Usher also asked the BOD to clarify BOD vacancies so as to quell any rumors. BOD responded during discussion agenda.

Staff introductions:

Jan Pool - Independent Study Program Director
Dr. Carol Picard - Resource (Sp Ed) Teacher

Jim Griffin from the Colorado League of Charter Schools presented to the BOD a project of gathering a network of charter school parents in order to aide in legislative advocacy. In addition, Mr. Griffin discussed CLCS membership with the BOD.

Staff/Consultant Reports:

Bart Skidmore CPA - presented financial information to date (as of 12/31/06). Discussed discrepancies in trial balances provided by district. Mr. Skidmore will be correcting items per discussion.

Chad Auer - presented CAO report as submitted.
Tony Carey - Presented COO report as submitted. Also presented draft site plan drawings.

Discussion Agenda:

New Board Vacancies - Board will announce vacancies and request applications via school newsletter, website and possibly a local media (Times-Call). The BOD would like to conduct interviews and fill the vacancies by the end of March.

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Communications Plan: Feedback on content (paragraph 4, pg 1) as well as reservation about the public forum on our website. Generally supported with minor adjustments that specifically address CVA.

High School Project expenditure of \$25000: Monique expressed concern about moving forward with the project. Mrs. Miller noted that she would like more information from Ute Creek about their program and their plans for improvement before going too far with the feasibility study. Mr. Jones and Mr. LaVancy pointed out that it was important for the BOD to do the feasibility study to officially uncover all the data so that CVA could make an informed decision. The feasibility study would accomplish the due diligence necessary to make a data informed decision. Staff commented that gathering the necessary data will cost time/money either way and that the dollars would be spent incrementally as the project proceeds.

Motion by Dustin Jones, second by Merrie to approve the expenditure/project as presented. Vote: Jones (Y), Harper (Y), Miller (Y), LaVancy (Y). Motion passed.

Director Reports:

Merrie Harper noted that Brian Skaggs, CVA father and Law Enforcement Officer, might be a good contact for the school safety committee. Also, Teacher Appreciation activities will be coordinated with room moms to recognize and appreciate our teachers.

Adjourn: 8:35pm