

BOARD MEETING 6/5/2023

ATTENDEES:

Brenda Robertson

Dr. Steven Peters

Mark Fleming

Walter Martin

Natalie Wright

Chris Farrell

Sara Struhs – Executive Director

Brenda opened the meeting by reading the mission statement. She then asked if there were any public comments to be made. Hearing none she moved on to the Consent Items. There were two consent items: hiring the auditor Sharpe-Patel and Changing the first day of testing in 2024 from 5/31 to 6/3

Brenda then introduced Daniel Wakins from First Citizen's Bank who gave the board a presentation on securing our funds in FDIC insured CD's. Daniel's recommendation is to purchase CD's on a ladder scale so that we will eventually have 12 month CD's coming due in alternating months. By doing this, we will have access to the funds if we need them for an emergency. Chris Farrell asked about rolling the CD's over and if we would stagger the new CD's to fill in months that we do not have a CD coming due. Daniel agreed that would be the best way to invest our funds to protect our needs and safe guard the money in FDIC CD's.

Brenda then asked Katie Gomersall for a Head of School update. Katie reported that the first week of End of Grade testing had gone well. We averaged 95% participation in the first week. Third grade quick data in reading determines proficiency or possible retention and we had 184 students tested and 58% were proficient – a marked improvement over last year. The EOG testing ends 6/9 for all grades. The state then calculates the grades and we will hear in the fall some time.

Katie told the board about the upcoming Jr. High Dance and Prom and Graduation to be held on 6/15 and 6/16. At the graduation, board scholarships totaling \$11,000.00 will be awarded to 5 students: two 4-year college scholarships for \$3,000.00 each; two 2-year scholarships for \$2000.00 each; and for OCS there is 1 scholarship for \$1000.00.

Katie closed her report by introducing two new teachers to the board: Madison Galloway (EC teacher ranked in the top 5% of state EC teachers) and Bridget Lawing (CTE teacher).

Moving on to action items, Brenda asked for a motion to grant the same scholarships in 2024. Mark Fleming made the motion and Steve Peters seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Brenda asked for a motion to hire the two new teachers. Walter Martin made a motion and Mark Fleming seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Brenda then thanked the board for supporting her during her first board meeting as Chair. She then asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark Fleming made a motion to adjourn. Steve Peters seconded it. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.