

CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2009 @5:00 P. M.
MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

MEETING LOCATION:
CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL LIBRARY
205 EDGEFIELD STREET
CALHOUN FALLS, SC 29628

CALL TO ORDER

Calhoun Falls Charter School Board met in a scheduled meeting with Chairman Keith Ashley presiding. Board members present were Bert Broadwell, Dale Gilchrist, Michael V. Johnson, Horace Thomas and Peggy Lee Waters. Heather Hatchett was late and Michael Alewine and Joseph Cade were absent. Also present : Principal Deirdre McCullough, Assistant Principal Lori Lindler and Bill Moser of Kelley-Moser Consulting.

Mr. Ashley called the meeting to order at 5:04 P. M. and asked Mrs. Lindler to open the meeting in prayer. Mr. Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Mission Statement was read by Peggy Lee Waters.

BUDGET REPORT

Mr. Moser was on hand to give the financial report stating we received 64.33 less per student and we overspent by 1000.00 for the month of April. Mr. Moser asked that we look for expenses in the General Fund we can tap in to to ease the deficit of the budget. Some of the items to go through were membership dues, water utility, repairs and maintenance, telephone and electric billing. Mr. Moser asked if the cafeteria would need more equipment this year, Mr. Ashley stated no, he had recently met with the staff and they informed him the cafeteria was in good order. Mr. Ashley asked Mr. Moser whom we should contact, it seems if funds were in our application we should receive this money, it's another rug pulled from us. Mr. Moser stated he had spoken with Phillip Willis at the District, who is as understanding as can be. He also stated he contacted the State Department about the 135 day count academic assistance funds. Mr. Ashley asked who is receiving our funds. Mrs. McCullough stated ACSD is receiving our funds. Mr. Moser suggested someone go to ACSD and ask for our money. Mr. Ashley stated there are questions about the IDEA money. Mr. Moser stated he went through it earlier in the day and based on total allotment of 16,000.00 given by the District at the beginning of the year. The District allotment for IDEA is 124,700.00 of which we have received only 13%. Also the AARA allotment is 268,000.00 of which we have only received 13% as well. Mr. Ashley asked when we will receive these funds. Mr. Moser stated any day and added we need to increase our revenues. Mrs. Lindler asked what the base cost is at this time. Mr. Moser stated 2181.00 and we should ask the state if they really need our 13,000.00, our 2% to operate?. Mr. Ashley stated we do not have a choice but to pull funds out of the line items. Mrs. Lindler stated we paid ACSD 1500.00 per student to attend the Career Center, why

can't we ask for a refund? Discussion continued on tapping the budget line items and the high electric bill. Mr. Broadwell stated it is probably due to the air conditioning and asked if it is turned off at night. Mrs. McCullough stated teachers have been asked to turn up the air when leaving but she was told by Sam Jones at ACSD to leave the air on at night but stated she would if Board so desired. Mr. Ashley asked Mrs. McCullough if she would experiment by turning the air off in the evenings. Mr. Ashley welcomed Ms. Paula Gray from the SCPCS District to our meeting and asked what was going on in Columbia, legislatively. Ms. Gray stated the House decided to raise the per student amount 700.00, Mr. Ashley stated CFCS definitely will do better on 31 to 3300.00 per student. Mrs. Lindler asked if the bill number is 695, Mr. Ashley stated yes. Mrs. Hatchett asked what the projected enrollment is for next year. Mrs. Lindler stated about the same as this year. With no further questions Bert Broadwell made a motion to approve the financial report including changes to line items. Dale Gilchrist seconded the motion with no opposition.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one was present.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. McCullough stated the PASS testing is going smoothly this week and next week is end of course testing. She stated she is planning a Memorial Day Program, a formal service to honor veterans and service learning participants. The veterans will share with classes by rotating from one to another following the program.

Mrs. McCullough stated she is planning a 2 week core curriculum character camp during June and July for Middle School students. The focus will be on math, reading and social studies and will be an interactive lesson from the Titanic. Students will learn measurements, research skills, oral presentations and history. Character building elements will be included and the students will end the camp with a trip to the Atlanta Aquarium. The tickets will include a special feature section.

Mrs. McCullough reported she has hired college students as tutors and has seen considerable progress with middle school students. She went on to say we have Mr. Eaves, Intervention Specialist pulls students to offer extra help. She stated he is excellent but unfortunately he will not be with us next year. Mrs. McCullough stated during the 5th grade open house high lights for the year were given out stating the successes in many areas. Mrs. McCullough stated she and Mrs. Lindler are looking forward to the summer to plan, unlike last year when all they were able to do was hire staff. Mrs. McCullough stated she is proud of the programs she has implemented. Further stating, 5 students recently won a stock market game, each one winning 50.00 and dinner at Tucker's. Mrs. McCullough stated if every student gives the minimum number of hours to service learning they will total over 2,000 hours but a good number of students have more than 10 hours each.

Mrs. McCullough stated she had invited the press to attend the Memorial Day Program, including Keisha Foster, of WYFF, whom by the way is the guest speaker for graduation. She stated there are two Pearl Harbor survivors she is hoping will attend the program. Mr. Thomas stated he is finding problems attaining veterans who are already committed to programs. She stated we will also recognize the community volunteers and to have this information in the media will be amazing.

Mr. Ashley stated he thought the 5th Grade Open House went real well. Mrs. Lindler reported three students have enrolled from out of our area for next year. Also another student will tour the campus on the following day with his mom. Mrs. McCullough stated anything we can do to distinguish ourselves from the regular type of school we will draw people one at a time, it will all add up in the end. Mr. Ashley stated we want to separate ourselves from the district frame of mind.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ashley stated we met last week about our banquet and he had the tickets for Board Members to sell. Mrs. Waters stated she had called Outback Steakhouse, they do not cater meals on the week-end. Mr. Ashley stated the banquet is set for Saturday, June 27 at 6:00 at the Civic Center. He also gathered the tickets for the gun raffle which will be given away Yard Sale day at 1:00 on Cox Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ashley reported he had received one proposal from an auditing firm.

He also stated there was a local man who wants a CF hat and plans to make a donation when he receives the hat.

Mr. Ashley reported a CF alumni called months ago saying she would like to donate her car for a fund raiser. Mrs. Waters volunteered to call her to see if the offer still stands.

Mr. Ashley stated he and Mrs. Ashley hope to head up a Karaoke Night within a few weeks.

Mrs. Lindler asked if we could sponsor a fund raiser at the Blue Hole during the July 4 celebration. There was discussion about the Booster Club selling that day.

Mrs. McCullough stated the losses Mr. Moser discussed tonight along with the nurse comes to almost 1000,00.00. Mrs. Lindler stated the Title 1 mistake was also costly due to the fact Mr. Moser figured in Title 1 funds to teacher salaries. Mrs. McCullough stated CFCS would have done real well if these errors had not occurred. Mrs. Waters asked if we don't get the money necessary will we exist next year? Mr. Ashley responded by saying the property given to us by ACSO is the only reason we have continued.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Thomas made a motion to go into Executive Session and was seconded by Mrs. Gilchrist.

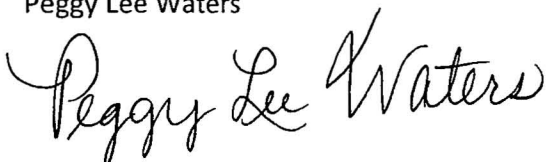
FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Waters made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mrs. Gilchrist

Mr. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 7:49 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Lee Waters

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peggy Lee Waters". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the printed name.