**CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD**

**CFCS Library**

**Minutes for Tuesday, January 10, 2017**

**Regular Business Meeting**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Brandt, Richard Brown, Craig Brown, Dean Cade, Lynne Hester, Tracy Lindler, Cathy Payne, Horace Thomas, Marian Tinsley.

Also in attendance were Principal Deirdre McCullough, Assistant Principal Lori Lindler and

Board Consultant Ed Taylor .

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 5pm by Cathy Payne.

**Invocation**

Cathy Payne called on Deirdre McCullough to provide the Invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Cathy Payne led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Mission Statement**

Cathy Payne called on Lori Lindler to read the Mission Statement.

**Freedom of Information Act Compliance**

Cathy Payne stated the meeting agenda was in compliance with the Freedom of Information Act.

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Mike Brandt made the Motion to approve the Agenda.

**Second:** Marian Tinsley

**Motion:** Tracy Lindler made the motion to amend the Motion to approve the Agenda by removing Agenda Items 12 c. and 12 d.

**Second:** Craig Brown

**Discussion:** **Tracy Lindler** stated: The board has a conflict between the Bylaws and the Boards Policy Manual in regards to forming and appointing committees.

The Bylaws state that committees, standing or otherwise will be formed by resolution of the Board. Therefore, all committees would be in conflict that weren’t formed by Board resolution.

The Board Policy Manual states that there will be no standing committees, but the chairman may appoint special committees with purpose which dissolve after their purpose has been completed.

In keeping with Board Policy and Bylaws the committees that were appointed in earlier sessions of the board appear to be in conflict as the Transportation Committee was an ADHOC committee which was purposed in determining the type of vehicle needed for the school and then locating that type vehicle for recommendation to the Board. This ADHOC committee is on the January agenda should have dissolved once the vote was taken on the vehicle in the December Meeting. The forming of this committee was done so in conflict with the Bylaws and if allowed to continue would also violate the Boards Policy Manual in regards to ADHOC committees.

The Athletic Committee which was appointed by Chairperson Cathy Payne at the November 2016 meeting is in conflict with the Bylaws and with School Board Policy. The authority to appoint a standing committee was not conferred by the Board to the Board Chairman.

Until the conflict between Board Policy and Bylaws can be resolved for the formation of committees I feel that the community and the Board would be best served by not committing Board business to committee.

**Craig Brown** asked if this would be corrected by the proposed work on the Bylaws and Policy Manual.

**Tracy Lindler** replied that is correct.

**Motion Passed-** Unanimous

**Approval of Prior Meeting’s Minutes**

**Motion:** Mike Brandt made the motion to Approve the meeting minutes for December 13, 2016 with the correction to strike Memor and replace with Mimirks.

**Second:** Richard Brown

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed-** Unanimous

**Flashes Pride Award**

Administration Recognized as January Flashes Pride Award recipients.

Cameron Williams- Middle School

Takiya Wardlaw- High School

**Recognition of Robotics Team**

The following students were recognized for their accomplishments at the regional Robotics Competition. Team members are Tanner Alewine, Quade Lindler, Xavier Williams.

The team Placed 9th out of 24 teams and received the Judges Award. The Judges Awards allow the freedom to recognize remarkable teams that stand out for reasons other than the Core Award categories. Examples include: **Against All Odds or Overcoming Adversity or Perseverance**. This award goes to the team that improvises and overcomes a difficult situation while still making a respectable showing, with an attitude that shows**, “We can overcome incredible odds if we never give up, no matter what!”**

Mr. Charles Angel was recognized for his contribution to the Calhoun Falls Robotics Team through grant assistants to fund the program and shared experiences for team members and coaches. Mrs. Sarah Rudder and husband Casey were recognized for their time and commitment to the robotics team as coaches.

**Administrative Updates**

**Board Updates**

Mrs. McCullough provided the board with a handout which outlined the following for January:

testing, holidays, report card, recent campus guest, and proposed field trips.

**Financial Update**

Mrs. McCullough provided the Board with a budget update as information only.

**Audit**

**Motion:** Mike Brandt made the motion to accept the Audit report (June 16, 2016).

**Second:** Marian Tinsley

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed:** unanimous

**Field Trips**

**Motion:** Mike Brandt Made the motion to approve the field trip for January 26-29, 2017 Outdoor Rec Camp at Cherry Grove (Overnight).

**Second:** Lynn Hester

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Marian Tinsley Made the motion to approve the field trip for February 2-4, 2017 FFA State Wildlife contest Georgetown (Overnight)

**Second:** Horace Thomas

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Mike Brandt Made the motion to approve the field trip for February 16-19, 2017 Greenhand Camp Cherry Grove (Overnight)

**Second:** Horace Thomas

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**Motion:** Mike Brandt Made the motion to approve the field trip for March 9-12, 2017 Equine Camp Cherry Grove (Overnight)

**Second:** Horace Thomas

**Motion Passed:** Unanimous

**Board Training Update**

**Budget workshop**- Date and time to be announced due to scheduling.

**Members Manuals** – Cathy Payne stated she would try to retrieve the last board manual so that it could be issued.

**Status: Charter Revision, Bylaws Revision, Board Policy Revision**

The Board discussed plans to revise current Bylaws and Board Manuals. Dates and times are to be set due to scheduling.

**Evaluation Instrument**

The Board discussed the Principals Evaluation Instrument.

**\*6:51 Board Members Marian Tinsley and Lynn Hester were excused from the meeting**.

**Miscellaneous From the Board**

Cathy Payne stated to the board that discussions that had taken place prior to the meeting should not happen that she felt such discussion was in violation that the board had enough members present to constitute a quorum and that she didn’t want anyone discussing anything but the weather and such prior to meetings in the future.

Tracy Lindler requested that the Board be updated on the state testing data at the next meeting. He stated that the Board needed to be updated on testing as soon as the information is made available so the Board can make sure the administration has the resources needed to address test scores.

**Adjourn**

**Motion:** Mike Brandt made the motion to Adjourn.

**Second:** Richard Brown

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Passed** Unanimous