

**CALHOUN FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**DECEMBER 15, 2008 @ 5:00**  
**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING HELD ON**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2008**

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

Calhoun Falls Charter School Board Meeting met in a scheduled committee meeting with Vice Chair Keith Ashley of the Steering Committee presiding. Committee members present were Mike Alewine, Bert Broadwell, Dale Gilchrist, Heather Hatchett, Horace Thomas and Peggy Lee Waters. Also present: Deirdre McCullough, Principal, Lori Lindler, Assistant Principal. Board member Michael V. Johnson and Bill Moser were not present. Joseph Cade was late.

Mr. Ashley called the meeting to order at 5:03 P. M. and asked that everyone turn off cell phones and stated Joseph Cade was absent. Mr. Ashley asked Mrs. McCullough to open the meeting in prayer. Mr. Ashley led the Pledge of Allegiance. Peggy Lee Waters read the Mission Statement.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Ashley asked Mrs. Waters if she had the minutes. Mrs. Waters apologized and said no, she did not, there was a computer problem as she was printing them and stated she would have them at the next meeting. Mrs. Ashley stated if all agreed, we would approve two sets of minutes at the next months meeting.

**ADOPTION OF ROBERT'S RULE OF ORDER**

Mr. Broadwell made a motion to adopt the Robert's Rule of Order and was seconded by Mrs. Gilchrist. Motion passed with no opposition.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Ashley asked for a motion for Board Chair. Mr. Broadwell made a motion to elect Keith Ashley as Board Chair and was seconded by Horace Thomas. Motion passed, no opposition.

Mr. Ashley asked for a motion for Co-Chair, Mr. Thomas made a motion to elect Bert Broadwell as Co-Chair. He was seconded by Keith Ashley. Motion passed, no opposition.

Mr. Ashley asked for a motion for Secretary. Mrs. Gilchrist made a motion to elect Peggy Lee Waters as Secretary and was seconded by Heather Hatchett and Bert Broadwell. Motion passed, no opposition.

Mr. Ashley asked for a motion for Treasurer, Mr. Broadwell asked what duties the Treasurer held. Mr. Ashley stated he hoped the Treasurer would raise money. Mrs. McCullough stated the Treasurer would have a seat on the Finance Board. Mr. Alewine made a motion to elect Mrs. Gilchrist, she declined. Mr. Ashley made a motion to elect Mr. Alewine, Mrs. Hatchett seconded the motion. There was no opposition, motion passed.

#### **BUDGET REPORT**

Mr. Ashley stated Mr. Moser was unable to attend the meeting.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Ashley stated there was no one present for public comment but he hopes guests will be present at future meetings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Ashley stated board was to elect Executive Committees and board members are allowed to serve on a committee according to Dr. Church and may serve on dual committees. Committees to form are grievance, finance, personnel, development, resource and strategic. Mr. Ashley stated he does not agree with electing someone to a committee without their approval first. Mrs. Waters asked if the Board could be responsible for asking people individually to serve on their committee. Mr. Ashley stated that was a good suggestion. Mr. Broadwell stated the Board Member would chair the committee and made a motion to elect Horace Thomas to the Grievance Committee, with a second by Mr. Alewine. With no opposition, motion passed. Mr. Broadwell suggested a faculty member on each committee. Mrs. Gilchrist stated 3 are chosen to serve on this committee and any number is allowed on the other. Mr. Ashley stated upper management probably should not serve on this committee. Mrs. Hatchett stated she agreed because the principal, etc. will deal with the issues first as they come in and someone unbiased would be needed. Mr. Thomas stated the faculty knows the procedures and would be helpful to the committee. Mrs. McCullough stated she felt the faculty would not be involved but would research the issue. Mr. Ashley stated the teachers were allowed to serve. Mr. Ashley stated the next committee is the finance committee which will head up the fund raising and Mrs. McCullough stated this person will also have input on the budget. Mrs. Waters made a motion to elect Mr. Alewine, Board Treasurer, to the Finance Committee and was seconded by Mrs. Hatchett. There was no opposition, motion passed. Mr. Ashley stated the personnel committee was next to which Mrs. Waters nominated Mrs. Hatchett as chair, Mrs. Gilchrist made the second. There was no opposition, motion passed. Mr. Ashley stated the Development Committee is responsible for recruiting new board members and promoting and generating interest in the board. Mr. Ashley stated he was pleased with the interest shown in the recent election, with 14 running. Mr. Broadwell nominated Mr. Johnson and was seconded by Mr. Gilchrist. Mr. Alewine nominated Mrs. Gilchrist and was seconded by Mr. Ashley. With no other nominations Mr. Ashley asked for a show of hands for Mr. Johnson, he received 1 vote. Mr. Ashley asked for a show of hands for Mrs. Gilchrist and she received 5 votes. Mrs. Gilchrist was announced as the chair of the Development Committee. The next committee was Resource and Development Committee which Mr. Ashley stated he was unclear as to the purpose. Mrs. Gilchrist read from the manual the purpose which was to be responsible for long range commitment of resources, establish a fund development plan and

participate in implementation and review all major grant proposals. Mr. Alewine made a motion to elect Mr. Ashley as chair and was seconded by Mrs. Hatchett. With no opposition, motion passed. Mr. Ashley stated he feels sure the committee will need help raising money. The last committee is Strategic Plan. Mr. Broadwell made a motion to elect Mr. Cade as the chair of this committee and was seconded by Mr. Thomas, no opposition, motion passed.

Mr. Ashley stated the years board meetings needed to be established. Mr. Alewine made a motion to meet on the first Tuesday of each month and was seconded by Mrs. Hatchett. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ashley stated Mr. Moser was unable to attend the meeting and asked Mrs. McCullough what he had said. Mrs. McCullough stated Mr. Moser informed her he would try to return to meet with the Finance Committee soon after Thanksgiving.

#### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mrs. McCullough reported she and staff are scheduling map testing which is a guide to show where students are in English and math for grades 6-10. The Title 1 plan has not been completed but should be next week with Bill Moser. She further stated the last day of school is a half day on December 19 and return on Jan. 5. Maintenance is needed during the break. The day to day is running smoothly and the staff is working to build character which she feels is very important. Mr. Alewine stated he had been approached by a teacher about the office being closed during lunch. Mrs. McCullough stated that could be worked out. Mr. Alewine also stated he had found a grant for a SRO, which would be effective 2009-2010.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None to discuss.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was discussion on fund raising. Mrs. McCullough stated she would like to start a walkway of excellence.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Ashley made a motion to go into Executive Session. He was seconded by Mr. Broadwell. Motion passed.

#### **AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Thomas asked if there is a way to let visitors know when a meeting is likely to run long so visitors can be aware. Mr. Alewine made a motion to pay Mr. O'Shields the remainder of the \$5,000.00. He was seconded by Mr. Thomas, motion passed. Mr. O'Shields had given Mrs. McCullough the copies of his hospital bills.

Mrs. McCullough stated she had expelled Douglas Partridge and Trez Evans for the remainder of the year.

Mrs. Waters asked Mrs. McCullough if she is taking applications for the athletic director. Mrs. McCullough stated that should be addressed and she would discuss salary with Benjy Sorrow.

Mr. Cade stated the Booster Club is not involved in the hiring of the athletic director according to the High School League.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Bert Broadwell made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Dale Gilchrist . Motion passed. Mr. Ashley adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Lee Waters