

**Palmetto Charter School Board of Directors Meeting
May 26, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

<p>Call to Order, Pledge to Flag and Welcome</p>	<p>The meeting was called to order at 3:38pm. In attendance were Ron Witt, Michael Ameres, Mary Johnson, Kelli Douglas, and Evan Guido. Mr. Witt needed to excuse himself at 5:23pm and appointed Mr. Ameres to direct the meeting.</p>
<p>Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes</p>	<p>A motion was made by Mr. Ameres and seconded by Mr. Guido to accept the previous meeting's minutes as submitted. No discussion. All approved.</p>
<p>Principal Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Enrollment – we are full at every grade level and have contacted those that received spots. We are holding a few spots open in case of staff hirings. B. Testing – Testing was quite the challenge this year. Mr. Bustle gave kudos to Ms. Evans and Mr. Durrance for all their hard work. We only had one student due to health issues that was not able to test. C. Athletics – We won 5 different championships. Despite COVID, we had a “regular” year in our league and did not experience any big disruptions to our program. Our Sports Banquet was outstanding. Coach Leavitt did an amazing job putting that all together. D. 8th Grade Trip – 66 people attend the trip to St. Augustine. We visited the Kennedy Space Center, Fort Clinch, Sea World, the beach, etc. It was a very good trip. E. Update on Retention Pond – It's working! The price tag came in at \$36,000. Budget was \$60,000. We will work on adding some vegetation over the summer. The question of a fence came up. We received a quote of \$10,000 for a green vinyl fence. The Board seemed to lean toward making that pond a beautiful area. Mr. Bustle will explore some more options for fencing. F. Staff Update – Mrs. Hanley and Mrs. Gerren are both leaving us this year. We need a bus driver in the afternoons. G. Masks – The Governor has issued an order that they are going to be optional for schools. Mr. Ameres went ahead and made an official motion that they will be optional for our students next year. Kelli Douglas seconded the motion. All approved.

	<p>H. Beta Club Update – Ms. Evans addressed the Board and gallery and announced some winners that we had. They competed in all sorts of different types of competitions and did a fantastic job once again this year.</p>
<p>Centegix – Alert System</p>	<p>A new law has been passed called the Alyssa Law. This requires us to connect directly to 911 in case of an emergency on our campus. By August 1 we need to be in compliance with some type of system in place. The School District has elected to go with the company Centegix. To go in a different direction would be laborious. The cost is \$17,000 for a 5-year contract. That is for the core option. The premium is \$32,000. Mr. Bustle emailed the differences in packages out to the Board a few weeks ago. A representative from vTechio, Jennifer McDaniel, answered any questions that the Board had. The recommendation from Mr. Bustle and Mr. Durrance was to go with the core. Mr. Ameres made a motion to go with their recommendation. Evan Guido seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Building Project Update</p>	<p>Mr. Robey presented to the Board the initial drawings for the new building. Mrs. Kendzior addressed the board with her concerns regarding space being too limited in this current floor plan. There was a lot of discussion surrounding this. There was discussion to leave the option open to expand the building out at some point for office space and additional storage. Unfortunately, Mikel Sharpe, our BBVA representative was not able to be present. Mr. Guido made a motion that we proceed with the plan of construction subject to our lender giving us the terms in writing that we can have the similar funding makeup currently have. Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All in favor. No opposition.</p>
<p>2021-2022 Budget</p>	<p>Having already purchased our bus, our bottom line looks a little bit better than it did last year. A motion was made by Mr. Guido to accept the amendments to the 2020-2021 Budget. Mr. Ameres seconded the motion. All approved.</p>
<p>Milage Tax Referendum</p>	<p>Our budget is contingent on continuing to receive these funds. There will be a vote on June 8 to get it on the ballot for November.</p>
<p>Principal Evaluation</p>	<p>Mrs. Kelli Douglas thanked Mrs. Council and Mrs. Woithe for their help in getting the evaluation together this year. Mrs. Douglas presented the staff surveys to the board. With the time constriction, she was not able to fully</p>

	input the evaluations to determine a "Effective or Highly Effective" rating. The board will need to re-visit their evaluations at the next meeting.
Parent Petitioning Board due to Absences	Our policy states that when a student has more than 15 absences that are outside of the "sick/doctor" category that they come before the board for approval to keep their spot. Mrs. Taylor presented her case to the Board. Mr. Ameres made a motion to allow her to stay with the contingency that she not be in this position again next year. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor.
Board Comments	No board comments.
Public Comments	Mrs. Kendzior once again addressed the Board, this time regarding the Milage Tax Referendum. She encouraged all to email the public officials involved and ask for their support.
Adjourn	A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mary Johnson. Kelli Douglas seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED TO RECORDS OF PALMETTO CHARTER SCHOOL BY CHAIRPERSON, RON WITT.

 

RON WITT, CHAIRPERSON
Recorded by Teri Council, Registrar Palmetto Charter School

6/23/24
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