

CALL TO ORDER

Jonathan Ward called the meeting to order at 5:34pm; Board Policy and Sect 286.0114 Florida Statute was read to all present as written on the bottom of the agenda ref. Public Comments.

Roll Call was completed – quorum met

Present:

- President Deb MacKay
- Vice President Ralph Smith
- Secretary Jonathan Ward
- Treasurer: Melinda Downing
- Members at Large: Patty Dodd, Don Medeiros

Staff : School Principal: David Friedlander, Assistant Principal Colleen Beals and Alexis Beals.

Public: Police Officer Deputy Liss, Daniel Batson, Mary Ann Kelly, Beverly Dodder, Anna Smith, Tommy Turner.

Apologies: None

REVIEW OF PUBLIC NOTICES

The meeting notice was posted on School Website and sent via Remind.

Approve Minutes (2 min)

Sept 18th 2023

Motion to accept with minor edits made by Ralph Smith and seconded by Don Medieros.
Passed with a unanimous vote.

Finance/budget Discussion and Approval : Led by Melinda Downing.

Latest electricity bill reduced to \$981 which is much improved. A suggestion was made to put thermostat locks in place. David to decide.

Erate revisions have been approved at \$500 per month.

The change in bank account is still in progress.

Health insurance was supposed to be resolved by Dec 15th but is still in progress.

We are still waiting for additional income from :

- Millage

- Capital Outlay
- Grants

Motion to accept the financial statements made by Don M and seconded by Ralph S. Motion passed unanimously.

The board thanked Melinda for all her hard work on the budget

Principal's Report

Academic Performance Update:

Students are scheduled to take their 2nd progress monitoring assessment (FAST) beginning on December 5th and all tests will be completed prior to students leaving for winter break. Weekly Tutoring sessions will begin on Tuesday November 28th and will continue through April for our students in grades 3-5.

Fundraising/Marketing Update:

1890s Festival summary: We parked over 400 cars and raised approximately \$8000 in proceeds. This successful event was accomplished thanks to the effort and support of approximately 20 parents, staff, and board member volunteers.

Marketing and Recruitment: Our current enrollment is 35 and we have contacted several area realtors to discuss ways they may be able to assist in promoting MAS. We also continue to use Building Hope resources to assist us in our marketing efforts.

Title 1 Program: The Parent and Family Engagement Plan and Parent-School Compact are attached for Board review and approval.

A motion was made by Melinda D to accept the Title 1 Program documents. Seconded by Deb M. Motion passed unanimously.

School and Community collaboration- The McIntosh Garden and Seedling Club has established a joint project on seed germination with MAS.

Internet and Erate Update: The FCC has approved our waiver appeal for an amendment to our original application which will result in a discount of 80% instead of our present 25% off our internet costs. The estimated monthly savings will be about \$800.

MAS school performance: A school play and family meal is currently being planned for December.

VPK update: There are currently 5 students enrolled. (see attached program report)

Staffing update: Ms. Mary Edenfield resigned her teaching position suddenly due to personal reasons in October and we were fortunate to hire Kimberly Knechtel to fill that teaching position in Math and

Science. Ms. Knechtel was already teaching at another school in Marion County which accelerated the screening and hiring process and minimized the learning impact to our students.

441 Fence Signs

Jonathan W reported that he has been working with the DOT to reduce the area of signage to less than 100 Sq ft and that we need to relocate the metal sign off the DOT right of way. All work will be completed by Dec 1st.

Fundraising

Every board member is to attempt to sell 10 raffle tickets for the TV. Tickets were issued at the meeting.

We are looking into parking supervision opportunities at UF and Gainesville Raceway.

We should be looking for company sponsorship of say \$10K per year per classroom sponsored. Local companies could include The Depot and DeCona Ice Cream.

We could also look for church sponsorship via say a pancake breakfast.

Public Comments (5-10 min)

Beverly Dodder asked when the Christmas break was. It is Dec 19th tp Jan 3rd.

Daniel Batson read a preprepared statement from his wife stating that :

- 2 emails about remote meetings were not responded to.
- Would like an uodate on the minutes that he believes are incorrect.
- Emails regardling the Trespass Letter for Candace Batson have not been responded to.
- July 7th minutes are not yet posted.

Board Final comments (~ 5 min)

Ralph Smith. 8 caring baskets were given out for Thanksgiving. Would like to thank the Friends of McIntosh who gave 2 baskets. There are similar plans for Christmas.

Patty Dodd: Thanks the educators for doing a great job.

Melinda Downing: would like to thank everyone for making this a positive meeting.

Don Medeiros: Needs help accessing his school email.

Jonathan Ward: Thanked the Town Manager for painting the town office in school colors to help with the school potentially moving in there in future. Also to thank Bev Dodder for her patience over school arrangements for the 1890's festival.

Deb Mackay:

- Thanked Melinda for herwork on finance, Thank Ralph and Anna for organizing the food baskets.

- Ms Fouracre will do our taxes this year.
- Need a list of volunteers for last year. Number of and total hours.
- Our attorney is close to an agreement on the new lease with the town.
- We have a payment reduction extension on our SBA loan.
- Deb's company have donated 5 laptops to the school.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:06pm