

## 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, Alexis Beals and Bethan Ward.

Public: Police Officer Deputy Liss, Daniel Batson, Mary Ann Kelly, Bev Dodder, Janice Strange, Joyce Terry, Tiffany Hawkins. Plus two illegible signatures.

Apologies: None

## REVIEW OF PUBLIC NOTICES

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

### **Approve Minutes (2 min)**

July 7<sup>th</sup> 2023

Motion to accept by Don Medeiros and seconded by Patty Dodd. Passed with a unanimous vote.

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

P&L from June July and August were reviewed

We are waiting for additional income from :

- Millage
- Capital Outlay
- Grants

Taxes are delayed until February due to the hurricane.

Retention bonuses have been paid.

Motion to accept the budget made by Ralph Smith and seconded by Deb MacKay. Motion passed unanimously.

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

### **Audit Report review**

- The audit results are posted on the website.
- The audit showed that we need to tighten some financial controls. Done.
- Motion to accept the audit report made by Ralph Smith and seconded by Don Medeiros. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Principal's Report**

- As of Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, VPK is up and running. Thanks to Louise Mentzer who has done a terrific job.
- The school has joined the Charter school Alliance. Staff will attend the conference in Orlando 18-20 October.
- We are currently preparing for the 1890's festival and have submitted an article for the Gazette. We are planning to park cars again as well as have a booth in the festival area. Bev Dodder was thanked for her help with the school booth and the newspaper.
- Erate Update: Filed an appeal with the FCC to amend our initial erate application. If successful, our erate discount for our internet service would be increased from 25% to approximately 80%.
- Enrollment: Current k-5 enrollment numbers is 43; VPK enrollment is 4
- 22-23 Academic update and 23-24 goals (see handouts)
- Title 1 update
- Florida Charter School Alliance: We have now joined this Charter School alliance for a nominal fee which will gain us access to a variety of services.
- After care program and VPK program billing update: options for electronic invoicing and payment methods are being discussed.
- The new aftercare associate (Bethan Ward) has introduced new ideas into aftercare such as themed days and other changes that have been well received by the children and parents.

### **Academic Performance Update**

- Colleen Beals presented the results of the recent state testing in grades 3,4 and 5
- Preliminary results shows that our results are ahead of county and state scores. And ahead of a major local school.
- These results are excellent and show that this approach is working.

- Both parents and children like this process.

### **Public Comments (5-10 min)**

*Beverly Dodder would like to have 5 minute discussion with Colleen.*

*Joyce Terry would like to identify where there are opportunities for community involvement.*

Shirley Lane would like the school to send out supply lists for items needed by the teachers.

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

- the minutes from the April meeting do not completely reflect her comments
- she was trespassed without cause
- she wants to attend the board meetings remotely
- she has received updates on her record requests.

### **Board Final comments (~ 5 min)**

**Ralph Smith.** We have come a long way and we need to continue our focus on enrolment and fundraising.

**Patty Dodd:** agrees with Ralph

**Melinda Downing:** would like to recognize the effort from the board and staff for their hard works and to the improved aftercare program.

**Don Medeiros:** the interest from influential town members is heartening.

**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:**

- We need to develop ideas for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and associated fundraising. With a goal of raising >\$30K this school year.
- These could include:
  - a founders dinner
  - additional fence signs
  - Parking cars at UF Gator games or even at the Raymond J stadium in Tampa
  - Auction and casino night
  - Raffles

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:56pm**