

Greer Middle College Charter High School
January 20, 2011
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: David Dolge, Tracy Burkhalter, Tami Jacques, Carol McDonald, Sherri Merck, Mark Sears, Kelly Long, Ted Hoffman

Absent: Joel Welch, Jeff Bullock, Julie Styles

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 PM.

Two parents signed in to address the board.

Motion to approve December minutes made by Tami Jacques, 2nd by Carol McDonald.
Passed.

Motion to approve the Agenda by Carol McDonald, 2nd by Mark Sears.
Passed.

Principal's Report: Bill Roach: We had several snow days, but we were able to make up one by attending school for a long day on Dec 17. We will use all 3 of our scheduled snow days and President's Day in February will be used as a snow make up day. We are waiting to hear if the Governor will forgive any overages. **Athletics:** Basketball is almost breaking even, spring sports are doing conditioning. Arts Intercession was a success, Wendy did a terrific job planning 30 classes over 3 days at a cost of \$656.16. The final day was Leadership day, Coach Smith did a great job pinch hitting for our guest speaker who was unable to make it for the day. Several of our students taught 3 sessions of leadership classes and did a good job.

The automated phone program has been set up to call parents for student absentees and tardiness. Yesterday was political day, all three Charter High School principals went to Columbia to support House Bill 3241 which passed in the State House, but still has to go to State Senate. We attended a working lunch with Mary Carmichael, the lobbyist for Carter Schools. The Speaker of the House, and the State Superintendent of Education Mick Zais both came into the Sub Committee meeting in support of Charter Schools.

Development Report: Melanie Bargar: We have 105 applications for next year's freshman class. Ten new students are starting classes in the second semester, and four more are still in progress of applying and getting started. Current enrollment is 289, freshmen 103, sophomores 106, juniors 77. There have been great strides made in connections with the Chamber of Commerce, and area Rotary Clubs. Five local legislators were in attendance at the Jan 5 Greer Chamber meeting. They were all very supportive and all agreed to speak at our Spring Fundraiser.

I am working to schedule school wide community service events every month to give students an opportunity to meet their community service hours. In January it is Hands on Greer, and in February, there is a MLK work day scheduled.

Pledges are currently at \$23,445.00. Last April's Pledge amount was \$17,000.00 which was restricted, but the current fundraising is unrestricted and may be used to pay back Greenville Technical College. There will be one more push to sell brick pavers with the plan to place them outside the administrative building.

Ford Motor Company is sponsoring a fundraising event at George Coleman Ford called Drive for Your School, and Ford will give \$20 per household for test driving a car on April 16, 2011.

Facilities Report: Keith Jones: Ramps, decking and HVAC are now complete and waiting inspection. Subbing out the deck work allowed for \$4,000.00 savings. There is the possibility of occupying the two newest spaces in the next 3 to 4 weeks. Discussing purchase vs. lease from District for future storage needs. Discussion to gravel field in preparation for next year's parking needs.

Finance Report: Skip Snow: Budgeted and actual monies are within 1 to two percent. The total end is a moving target. The amount received VS the amount budgeted VS the amount spent is simply a cash flow issue.

New Business: David Dolge: Board election is approaching in April. The Governance Committee will plan a meeting. Tami Jacques will Chair this committee.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 6:50 PM, by Mark Sears, 2nd by Ted Hoffman.

Passed.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:35 PM by David Dolge, 2nd by Tami Jacques.

Passed.

Motion to authorize our Executive Officer to talk to Jean Greer and specifically discuss the lease agreement contained in the Charter and long term plans for a permanent facility and report findings back to the Board.

Passed.

Motion was made to adjourn by David Dolge at 7:45 PM, 2nd by Mark Sears.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.