



CIRRUS EDUCATION GROUP, INC. GOVERNANCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes

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March 19, 2024

6:00 PM

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1. Call to Order

Board Chair Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10 pm.

1.1. Attendance

Board Members Present: Shirlynn Kelly, Tosin Olagunju, Latrell Taylor, Lisa Golphin, and Rhonda Finley were present. Dr. Fowler, Cirrus Academy Charter School staff, Dr. Morcease Beasley, Mr. Gregg Stevens, Mr. Terence Washington, and members of the public were also present.

1.2. Approval of Agenda

Board Member Taylor made a motion to approve the agenda and Board Member Golphin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present at approximately 6:11 pm.

1.3. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from the [February 27, 2024](#), meeting.

Board Member Taylor made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the February 27, 2024, meeting and Board Member Olagunju seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present at approximately 6:12 pm.

2. Community Comment

2.1. The Governing Board will reserve no more than 30 minutes to listen to public comment. Individuals who want to speak during Community Comment must register in advance as described below. Individuals speaking during Community Comment will be limited to 3 minutes each.

The Governing Board did not have any registered Community Comment, and no attendees desired to speak.

3. Action Item(s)

3.1. Facility Grant

Chair Kelly then asked Ms. Brinson-Grimes to present the Facility Grant Approval. Ms. Brinson-Grimes described the process staff used to request proposals for the roof repair. Ms. Samuels then discussed the State Facility Grant of \$78,000, which can be used to cover a significant portion of the cost of the roof repair, which is estimated at \$98,000.

Board Member made a motion to approve the use of the Facility Grant for the roof repair as presented by Cirrus staff, and Board Member Golphin seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present.

4. Matters of Discussion

4.1. Committee Reports

Chair Kelly then asked for reports from each of the board committees.

4.1.1. Academic Committee Report

Dr. Beasley provided a brief academic report noting the projection of MAP results to show optimistic results in student growth, but needing additional improvement in middle school, particularly related to content mastery. The board engaged in a detailed discussion about these forecasts, with Dr. Beasley encouraging members to review the full report for a comprehensive understanding of the data and its implications. The Board emphasized the importance of the upcoming Georgia Milestones assessments, with Dr. Beasley noting that these results would play a crucial role in the school's academic planning and state reporting requirements.

4.1.2. Finance Committee Report

Chair Kelly summarized the Finance Committee meeting by aligning the school's financial planning with its strategic educational objectives, with a significant focus of the discussion on budgetary timelines and compliance with state educational funding requirements. The committee also briefed the board on upcoming financial work sessions, which are designed to delve deeper into the school's financial status and planning efforts.

4.1.3. Personnel Committee Report

Board Member Taylor discussed the actions of the Personnel Committee, committee's dedication to ensuring that all job descriptions, contracts, and related HR documentation are current, comprehensive, and reflective of the school's needs. The Committee is reviewing all personnel-related documentation and processes. The objective is to identify any gaps or areas for improvement and to ensure that the school's HR practices are aligned with best practices and legal requirements. Such proactive HR management is crucial for attracting and retaining high-quality staff, which in turn impacts the school's academic performance and reputation.

4.1.4. Operations Committee Report

Chair Kelly then provided a report of the Operations Committee, highlighting current enrollment and data collection, repairs to the roof and playground, and upcoming governance training at the SCSC.

4.2. CEO Report

Dr. Fowler then provided the CEO Report, beginning with a detailed discussion on student enrollment. Dr. Fowler noted that the school maintained stable enrollment figures, with 468 students for the Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) count day. Dr. Fowler emphasized recruitment efforts as the school continues to engage in proactive recruitment through social media and partnerships with local education centers, including Head Starts and daycares, to attract new students. Additionally, the school is organizing an in-house recruitment day for both teachers and students, aiming to fill existing vacancies and increase student numbers. Dr. Fowler also

touched on the school's operational achievements, notably its recent charter renewal for three years by the State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia.

Dr. Fowler then discussed the school's focus on maintaining accreditation and meeting academic standards, emphasizing the successful strategies that have led to academic gains. Dr. Fowler noted operational initiatives, including the improvement of the school's physical infrastructure and the enhancement of student services, as well as plans for facility upgrades, including roof repairs and playground enhancements, illustrating the school's commitment to providing a safe and engaging learning environment for its students.

5. Executive Session

5.1. The Governing Board will enter into executive session pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2) for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee.

Chair Kelly noted there was no need to ask for a motion for executive session.

Board Member Golphin suggested that the governing board continue to consider additional board members for the governing board. Chair Kelly noted the need to continue recruiting additional board members.

6. Adjournment

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Board Member Golphin then made a motion to adjourn the meeting that was seconded by Board Member Olagunju. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of those present at approximately 7:36 pm.