

Bay Haven Charter Academy
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
May 4, 2006, Meeting 6:00 pm

Call to Order : 6:06 by Mrs. Haney. Directors present were Walter Woodrick, Todd Thompson, Lewis Howell, and Scotti Haney.

Mr. Thompson led the group in prayer, and Mr. Howell led the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no objections to the approval of the agenda. Mr. Woodrick made the motion to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Mr. Howell seconded and the minutes were approved. It was noted that we still have no minutes from the March meeting and do not know whether Melody May is working on them. Scotti will pursue that. Finance reports were distributed.

President's Report: Next scheduled board meeting is June 1, 2006. It was noted that June is the month the board has a scheduled workshop. Dr. Kitts suggested that topics for the workshop could be curriculum review, subordinate organization fundraising, class size reduction, and new director orientation. It was agreed that those topics would be addressed and that the workshop would commence at 4 pm with supper served.

Principal's Report:

Bob Blake from GAC gave us an update on the gym. Bids are coming in and allowances are being built into the price. The price is looking like \$1.4 million for a totally completed facility, and a little under \$900k for the 'base model.' We will have to install a sprinkler system in the gym due to code changes and that significantly adds to cost. Dr. Kitts reported that we will qualify for roughly \$415k in capital outlay for the coming year and some additional dollars from the legislature for charter schools that may be as much as \$250-300k. The tentative budget for 2006-2007 was brought to the board for approval. The final budget will be presented at the June meeting. There was discussion as to who all reviews the budget to insure its accuracy and appropriateness. It was noted that the administration develops and reviews it, our auditor reviews it as well as Bay District Schools. Mr. Woodrick made the motion to approve the tentative budget for 06-07. Mr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. FCAT scores that are currently available, 3rd grade scores, and the 4th and 8th grade writing scores, were presented to the board. Our students topped out within the county. We are proud of them. Dr. Kitts noted that FCAT is only a snapshot of a student's progress and shouldn't be overemphasized. There was discussion concerning the types of writing tests given and how the state uses them. The request to amend the charter agreement with the district was approved by the school board. The amendment exempts BHCA from BDS remediation policies and grade level promotion policies. Dr. Kitts introduced a proposed tardy/early checkout policy for middle school which will be discussed at the June board meeting. The current proposal is that within each 9 week period, after 4 unexcused tardies (either to school or to a class within the school day) or unexcused early checkouts, the student will be required to spend a day in in-school suspension. After 8, the penalty will be a day of

Saturday school. The dismissal list, using numbers rather than names, was given to the board. Dr. Kitts reported on the class size reduction amendment. The legislature chose not to give the school districts or charter schools any relief from the tremendous burden this requirement will place on schools. As a result BHCA will have to dispense with 2 computer labs and the Spanish classroom next year in order to add a classroom each in grades 1,2, and 4. We also need to build 6 or 7 classrooms for a long term solution, or move into double sessions. It was discussed that the board ought to continue to pursue creative solutions to this issue. Dr. Kitts also reported he's been talking to the Chamber of Commerce concerning possibilities for luring new teachers to the area. In addition to space crises for schools, the class size amendment is worsening the teacher shortage. For next year alone, Florida will require 23,000 new teachers. Florida universities and colleges are graduating about 6000 teachers this year. We are looking nationwide.

Old Business

Attorney for board meetings: Mr. Thompson reported he is still working on this.

New Business

a. impact fee memo: Dr. Kitts reported that courts in South Florida are still looking at this issue and we are waiting to see what they say.

b. uniform sources: Mrs. Haney requested, and there was no objection, that this issue be laid on the table until some further research can be done.

Elections

a. Directors: Mr. Woodrick presented the ballots for the director elections. Three candidates attended the meeting and addressed the board. The following were elected to serve a 2006-2008 term: Karen Brown, for the teacher nominated seat, Charles Byron, Scotti Haney, and Earl Matthews.

b. Officers: Mr. Howell made the suggestion that a committee be formed to select a slate of officers to be presented at the next meeting. It was agreed upon. Mr. Woodrick, Mrs. Brown, and Mr. Matthews volunteered for the committee. Mr. Woodrick was selected to chair that committee.

Public input and questions: Mrs. Kealy, a middle school teacher, pointed out that tardies have been a huge problem.

Announcements: none

Adjournment: 7:56 pm