

Marco Island Charter Middle School

Approved Minutes of the School Board Meeting May 1, 2013

Call to Order at 5:39 p.m.

**Tarik Ayasun, President
Chris DeSantis, Vice President
Jennifer Tenney, Treasurer
Allyson Richards, Secretary
Joan Pernice, Member
Sue Itayem, Member
Dave Homuth, Member
Jamie Bergen, Member**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll, Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Request to add Mr. Vergo to Public/Staff Comments**
 - b. Allyson moved to approve agenda, Chris seconded**
 - c. Motion approved unanimously**
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Chris moved to approve agenda, Dave seconded (in spite of grammatical errors)**
 - b. Motion approved unanimously**
- V. Public/Staff Comments**
 - a) Mrs. Honig – requested an approval to send a brochure to the parents regarding a cancer prevention study**
 - a. Jamie moved to allow brochure to be sent to parents, Allyson seconded**
 - b. Motion approved unanimously**
 - b) Mr. Vergo – representing Morgan Stanley – approved through ING to service teacher’s retirement accounts**

- a. Jennifer moved to approved Morgan Stanley as optional agent for retirement; Joan seconded motion
- b. Motion approved unanimously
- c) Dave Taber – Sterling Benefits
 - a. Presented medical benefit overview and presented recommendations for coming year
 - b. George advised we need to provide a 30-day notice to employees of any suggested changes to current plan
 - c. Jennifer moved we approve alternate insurance plan 1; Chris seconded
 - d. Motion approved unanimously

VI. Old Business

- a) Status of Maintenance and Repair Bill with District
 - 1. Our attorney meets with the district 5/6/13 and will respond to the letter drafted by Jennifer
 - 2. If no decision, we will consider another option
- b) Strategic Planning Follow-up
 - No update

VII. New Business

- a. Enrollment – 4/26/13 enrollment for coming year is 444 – 18 seats available for 6th grade; 10 on a wait list for 7th grade; 8th grade has 3 available seats
- b. Academic program – FCAT set to retire in 2015. PARCC will a more challenging assessment focusing on higher level thinking skills. Instructional material delivery will change and efforts will be made to prepare teaching staff
 - i. New teacher evaluation forms are being prepared to reflect the changes.
 - ii. George will have new forms ready for review at next meeting – district is currently reviewing
- c. Staffing – George presented adding 2 to 3 new positions to reduce the number of teachers who are teaching an extra class at an increased cost of \$44,924 plus the cost of teachers who will continue to teach 7 periods – estimated cost of \$61,000 total
 - i. Maybe the 3rd position will be a crossing guard, another teacher, or someone to assist with development/fund raising.

- d. Facilities – consider options of how to deal with additional teachers and new classrooms**
- e. Jennifer moved that up to 3 new positions be added to the current staff, Chris seconded the motion**
 - i. Motion approved unanimously**
- f. Chris moved that Mr. Abounader be authorized to fill all staff and teaching positions as needed to the budget. Dave seconded**
 - i. Motion approved unanimously**
- g. Jennifer made a motion to approve financials for 3rd quarter, Chris seconded.**
 - i. Motion approved unanimously**
- h. Board agreed to sell time shares**
- i. Jennifer made a motion to approve budget for 2013 – 2014; Sue seconded**
 - i. Motion approved unanimously**
- j. Jamie moved we select McCrady, Hess and Ruth as new auditing firm; Sue seconded the motion**
 - i. Motion approved unanimously**
- k. Discussion surrounding possible revision of bylaws regarding board composition and appointment vs election. No decision made until next Board meeting. We discussed informing the parents prior to any changes being made.**

VIII. Other

- a. Fund raiser (casino night) will be chaired by Joan**
- b. June 12, 2013 5:30 p.m. next meeting**

VII. Chris made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:37 p.m.; Jamie seconded

- a. Motion passed unanimously**