

STAR CHARTER SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD

JANUARY 8, 2008 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:31 pm, Charles Collins called the December 5, 2007 Star Charter School Board Meeting to order.

1.) Board Members present: Charles Collins, Kathy Pickel, Kelly Drake, Stacey Glaeser, Randy Cox and John Fish

2.) Attendees were: Sharelee Johnson, Annette Stevenson, Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) There was no need to go into executive session.

B.) Charles Collins stated that there hasn't been much progress since the last meeting due to the holidays. He will be meeting with the builder soon with the information given to him at the last meeting. He stated that because of the new site requirements, the school will go a two-story building design. Stacey Glaeser stated that a parent spoke to her about concerns regarding the elevator being big enough to fit a stretcher.

C.) Stacey Glaeser motioned to accept the minutes from the December 5, 2007 board meeting, followed by a second motion from Kathy Pickel. 6 votes in favor were passed. No abstentions. The motion was passed and the minutes were accepted.

D.) Marsha Hagin stated that out of the 6 TAKS Exit level retests in October, 4 passed and 2 still remain to pass the Math Exit level TAKS test. Additionally, she stated that the school report card from TEA was sent home to all parents and it was posted to the website. Moreover, Marsha stated that all of the surveys have been returned and that she has read all of them. Currently, Kris Barnett is compiling all of the data for presentation and Marsha Hagin stated that the SIT (School Improvement Team) would take the 5 biggest concerns from each section of the community into consideration for possible solutions using a "Continuous Improvement Process." Marsha Hagin stated that at the upcoming teacher in-service days, the faculty would be working on curriculum alignment with the TEKS. Also, a calendar committee was formed with teachers and they will be creating a calendar for the next school year for the board's approval. Marsha Hagin handed out a "summative evaluation" form that she will be using with the staff at the end of the year. Marsha Hagin stated that one of the overarching concerns from the surveys dealt with the chaos of the drop-off/pick-up area at school around noontime. Also, she stated that there has been a concern regarding students having extracurricular activities that take up a lot of time outside of school and the amount of homework given. Charles Collins stated that the high academic standards were a priority over extracurricular activities and that part of the design of the school was for athletes who were disciplined enough to handle the high academic standards as well as their time-intensive activities. John Fish stated that there was an inconsistency among teachers with the amount of

homework given. Charles Collins suggested that Marsha Hagin speak to the teachers about coordinating amount of homework as well as academic expectations.

E.) Charles Collins stated that there was a vacant spot on the board (a member-at-large position). Stacey Glaeser stated that she would be interested in the position. Charles Collins stated that if the vacant position were limited to a non-employee, then the board would remain in compliance with the law since John Fish is thinking about leaving the board soon. John Fish stated his intent to resign should the board find a suitable candidate to fill his position or at the end of the school year, whichever comes first. It was stated that one of the two board positions available could be filled by a paid employee. Charles Collins stated that a message to the community should go out that two board member positions are available on the board and asked Marsha Hagin to do so.

F.) ***Charles Collins motioned to accept Randy Cox as the executive secretary. 5 votes in favor were passed. 1 abstention. The motion was passed and Randy Cox was accepted as the executive secretary.*** Immediately, Randy Cox gave the duty of taking minutes at the meetings to Kris Barnett as well as the duty of constructing and posting the agenda (which will be given to Randy Cox for approval before posting).

IV.) REVIEW OF REGULAR MONTHLY FINANCIALS

A.) Kelly Drake stated the balance sheet does not reflect the bond money just yet. He stated that the school is earning around \$11,000 per month from the bond. He stated that the school had \$6,000 in net income this month.

V.) DISCUSSION ITEMS

There were none.

VI.) INFORMATION ITEMS

A.) Charles Collins stated that the next regular meeting of the Governing Board would take place on Wednesday, February 6, 2008.

VII.) ADJOURN

A.) Charles Collins adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm.