



CORNVILLE REGIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL

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Board Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2016

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Cornville Regional Charter School was held on April 20, 2016 at the school. The following members of the Board were present: Lorri Cahill, Stephanie Miller, Jean Walker (Chair), Beth Enman. Also present: Rich Abramson, Travis Works.

Jean Walker called the meeting to order at 6:18pm.

Recognition and Comments from Chair

Jean Walker began the meeting by stating CRCS's mission statement.

Approve/Amend Minutes

Motion made by Lorri Cahill /seconded by Stephanie Miller to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on March 16, 2016. Motion passes 4-0

Public Session

Visitor spoke on the condition of the library and listed some improvements that he would like see taken care of. Another visitor commented on getting a CRCS school sign up and installed. He also made us aware of the importance of closing the gate for safety concerns as well as ownership of the "building out" (propane). Rich is going to take a walk with Travis and prioritize building repairs.

Committee Reports

Facilities Committee

- The committee met with Brent Dudley to discuss different heating options. Rich gave an overview of what has happened to date. Discussion took place on moving forward with a decision tonight or letting Rich, Travis and the subcommittee determine heat pump vs propane boiler choice.

Motion made by Beth Enman /seconded by Stephanie Miller to let the subcommittee move forward with making the choice of the heating replacement option not to exceed \$175,000.

Academic Excellence Committee

- The committee reported on iObservation, a computer based teacher evaluation system constructed on the educational beliefs of Marzano. It will help to collect, manage and report on data from classroom walkthroughs, evaluations and observations. It will begin in the fall of 2016 but is being introduced this year.

Executive Director

- Rich Abramson reminded the board to begin discussions about his position after renewal. One thing to be considered is the evaluation of the Principal and who would be complete it. He is working on building greater collaboration with the other authorized charter schools.

Principal

- Reviewed the new customized newsletter and the previous options that did not meet everyone's needs. The new newsletter gives the parents a global overview of upcoming topics from each teacher all in one personalized newsletter.

- Maine Charter Commissioners visited twice this month as part of the renewal process. They will take their findings to the full Commission and write an end of year report, with a final decision made in November. There was discussion about the benefit of a 5 year/10 year renewal contract.
- We received 5,000 worth of raised bed donations from Hannaford, Toms of Maine and Terracycle and also learned of other grant options for the future.
- Staff will be recognized by the PTF for a two week period during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Old Business:

New Business

- Nomination of new Board member
 - **Motion made by Jean Walker/seconded by Beth Enman to nominate Jason Herrick as the newest member of the CRCS Board of Directors.**
Motion passes 4-0
- Policy Revision
 - **Motion made by Stephanie Miller/seconded by Beth Enman to revise Policy IHBAC (Child Find) to correct standards.**
Motion passes 5-0
- Growth Plans – This is the time to look at long-range needs of our school community because of the current renewal process. Discussion of a satellite early childhood center and high school options will continue knowing that the K-8 model is maxed out in our building.

Future meetings

Board meeting – May 18, 2016 at 6:00pm

Executive Session

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Stephanie Miller/seconded by Lorri Cahill

Motion passes 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorri Cahill