

**PATRICK HENRY SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND ARTS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MAY 20, 2010

A regular meeting of the Board of PHSSA at the school in Richmond, VA at 8:11 PM on May 20, 2010.

The following directors were present: Marjorie Bertalino, Deborah Corliss, Kelli Sexton, Antione Green, Reginald Malone, Etienne LaVallee, Susan Martin, Krista Simmerman, Deborah Butterworth, Kathy Shipherd, and Bonnie Brown.

Also present were Pamela Boyd, Principal, Liz Boggis, Beth Warren, Levandreth Williams, Kylin Murren, Ben Bunnell and Zoe Bunnell.

Kelli Sexton, acted as chairman of the meeting due to Deborah Butterworth's failing voice.

Deborah Butterworth called the meeting to order, welcomed all present and, at her request, Kathy Shipherd acted as secretary of the meeting and recorded the minutes.

The secretary noted that a majority of the directors were present and a quorum existed for the transaction of business.

The chairman announced the agenda for this evening which includes board member, committee and project reports, white papers, discipline policy, meals, dress code, transportation and volunteers

First, the members of the public were asked to voice their comments and concerns. Comment was made that the dress code needs to facilitate doing things outside, getting dirty, artwork. Suggestion was made for jeans, white and solid colored shirts that are age appropriate. Comment was made that uniforms are easier to keep track of students in the classroom, and as a group while outside the classroom. Concern was voiced for crowded classrooms. There are 42 applicants for second grade. Statistics show that not all people signed up will actually show up on day one of school. Ideal class size is 16-20 and having two second grades involves hiring another teacher and funding. Aides will be hired, for whole school day, for the larger classes. Beth Warren volunteered to help the Board with contacting prospective parents announcing second grade applications being reopened.

Second, the dress code as printed in the handbook was voted on, item by item:

Items one, two, three, four, five, seven, eight, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, sixteen, seventeen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight were resolved

Items six, nine, eighteen were not resolved. These items will be reworded according to suggestions made during the voting process. Fifteen was resolved with wording changed.

Third, failure to comply code was resolved.

Fourth, denim clothing was discussed. Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that denim clothing not be allowed.

Fifth, lunch form for reduced or free meals was discussed. Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the lunch form for reduced or free meals, as presented, be accepted.

Sixth, Discussion of reopening second grade applications. Following discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously:

RESOLVED, that we reopen second grade applications.

Seventh, Chairman proposed we have a written update on white papers. Any white paper issues and white papers in general will be discussed on Sunday.

Eighth, Susan Martin reported that the loan is applied for to cover lease for the PHSSA building and the lease for the temporary school.

Ninth, Antione and Reggie discussed their work regarding transportation, the regulations of RPS and the State of Virginia. Working on invitations for bids for this service, including RPS.

Tenth, Meals – Marjorie met with food service people from RPS, health department and others. This will be discussed on Sunday – issues to be discussed regarding regulations of RPS, Federal, State and City wellness requirements. Must meet charter requirements, as well. Reggie to get these documents from RPS manual.

Eleventh, Principal discussed need for established policies for each and every item/issue that we need to know about and vote on. Kelli has a beginning of this list, will work on more.

Twelfth, Deed of Lease Agreement passed around for review by Board. Discussion of changes made to agreement. This wording was accepted and will go to lawyers for finalizing.

Meeting adjourned 10:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Shipherd, Secretary

Accepted: _____
Deborah Butterworth
President