

North County Charter School, Inc.
Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Thursday, January 30, 2025 @ 9:00AM (Board Room, Bldg 5)

MINUTES

- I. **Call to order/Attendance:** President, Mrs. Dale Simchick called the meeting to order at 9:03AM. Also present at the meeting: Sean Prescott, Secretary, Brian Cook, Vice Chair, Susan Aguirre, Treasurer, Greg Potter, Director&Principal and Jennifer Bakos, Finance Manager
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance/Invocation:** President, Mrs. Simchick lead the group in the Pledge and provided an invocation.
- III. **Approve/Amend Today's Agenda:** The agenda was accepted unanimously, 4-0 following a motion by Mrs. Aguirre and a second by Mr. Prescott.
- IV. **Citizen/Parent Input/Concerns:** Provided later in the agenda and related to grading & incentives.
- V. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. To approve the minutes of the November 19, 2024 Regular Board Meeting-Mr. Potter recommended approval. Upon a motion by Mr. Cook and a second by Mr. Prescott, the draft minutes were accepted unanimously, 4-0.
- VI. **Action Agenda:**
 - A. To adopt an addendum to Board Student Health Policy 2400 to cover after school events-Mr. Potter recommended approval. After discussion, Mr. Cook made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Aguirre to approve the addendum, with the following additional sentence added to part 1) under Field Trips: "Either the parent, or a trained staff member will be in attendance during a trip where a student with severe allergies is present." Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.
 - B. To approve the October, 2024; November, 2024 and December, 2024 Monthly Financials for Submission to SDIRC-Mr. Potter and Mrs. Bakos recommend approval. Following a brief discussion, the reports for these three months were approved unanimously, 4-0. Motion by Mr. Cook and second by Mrs. Aguirre.
 - C. To change or retain current protection & investment plan for undesignated fund balances-Discussion needed...generally, CD investments would lower interest earned; however, CD rates now tend to exceed Money Market rates...funds would be better protected/insured by diversifying their location. Following a discussion of rates and options, and upon a motion by Mr. Cook and a second by Mr. Prescott, the Board directed the Finance Manager to begin a "staggering" strategy by setting up a \$250,000 Certificate of Deposit at a local credit union. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0. Mrs. Bakos will provide an update on this at the February 27th regular meeting.
 - D. To set a date, time and draft agenda for a public "Town Hall" style meeting for the NCCS Board and Administration to hear from parents and/or the public. Following discussion, Mrs. Aguirre made a motion and Mr. Prescott seconded it, for the Board to host a public "Town Hall" meeting in the NCCS Auditorium on Wednesday, February 26th from 6:30PM to 7:30PM. Dessert and coffee to be

served beginning at 6:00PM. The agenda: Welcome/Purpose by Mrs. Simchick; State of the School Presentation by Mr. Potter; Sharing of Glows/Positives; Sharing of Suggestions for Improvement or Further Study; Adjourn. *Note: Comment cards and a drop box for anonymous use will also be provided. Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.

VII. Reports:

- A. Parent Involvement Committee Report: Mrs. Le shared that PIC would be working with the school and APEX Fundraising to provide a playground fundraiser/leadership training & fun event over two weeks in March!
- B. Business & Finance Manager Report: Mrs. Bakos had no additional report to make.
- C. Director-Principal Report: Mr. Potter reiterated positive news about recruitment and the potential for NCCS to begin the 25-26 school year at or near capacity. Lottery already held for Kindergarten and possibly needed for grades 1-3 in the future, as these are very close at this time.
- D. Assistant Principal Report: Ms. Irons was attending the 2025 LeaderinMe National Symposium in Orlando. No report provided today.

**Note: Motion made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Prescott to extend the meeting until 11AM (30 min). Motion passed, unanimously, 4-0.

VIII. Board Member Matters: Mrs. Simchick-Grades 4/5 Grading & Incentives Issue. Mrs. Simchick provided public opportunity to discuss a recently (rescinded) letter on a grading concept. Mr. Potter began by apologizing to the Board and those in attendance. A more formal and involved process should have been used, and would be from this point. Mrs. Bryant shared some personal frustration with the intervention and testing program administration at mid-year. Mr. Potter said that he would be forming an ad hoc committee to study the issues further and report back. He mentioned that the parents in the room were welcome to participate. Mrs. Simchick and Mrs. Aguirre mentioned that they would make arrangements to observe Read-180/Sunday in action at NCCS to better educate themselves, and Mrs. Simchick mentioned the possibility of the Board holding a workshop at a later date on the topic of Intervention Programming. No action(s) were taken today.

IX. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.