

**BRASHIER MIDDLE COLLEGE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**JANUARY 19, 2017**

Call to Order	(J. Trone)
Visitor's Comments	(J. Trone)
Approval of Agenda	(J. Trone)
Approval of November Minutes	(F. Campigotto)
Success Celebrations	(J. Trone)
Strategic Plan Progress	(J. Trone)
Committee Reports	
a. Finance Committee Report	(T. Cary)
b. Community Relations Committee	(K. Anderson)
Update on SCPCSD	(J. Trone)
Principal's Report/School Overview	(M. Sinclair)
Action Item	
a. State District	
Adjourn	(J. Trone)

**MINUTES**

John Trone called the January 19, 2017 meeting to order at 5:20 PM.

Board members in attendance were Frank Campigotto, Tonya Cary, Hal Helms, Lynn Magnan, Keith McNeel, Pam Patterson, Nelson Pinochet, Rene Sawyer, and John Trone. Principal Michael Sinclair also attended. Absent were Kipra Anderson and Joan Asher.

John Trone distributed the agenda. Lynn Magnan made a motion to approve the agenda. Nelson Pinochet seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Frank Campigotto had previously distributed the November 14, 2016 board meeting minutes via email. Keith McNeel moved to approve the minutes. Lynn Magnan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Visitor's Comments**

There were no visitors in attendance.

**Success Celebrations**

Congratulations to Hunter Dorris for being invited to participate in the National Combine at the U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Hunter is a tight end playing for the Woodmont High School football team and is a senior at Brashier Middle College. Hunter joined the other top high school football players from throughout the United States to participate in the National Combine in San Antonio TX from January 5-January 7.

Congratulations to the school body in its preparation and enthusiasm for Spirit Week, January 20-18.

## Strategic Plan Progress

Principal Mike Sinclair reviewed progress being made to achieve the School's Strategic Plan.

### Committee Reports

Community Relations Committee. The Second Parent Meeting was a success, the topic being college admissions and financial aid. The session had to be rescheduled do to the storm but there were about 80-100 people attending. Nine college representatives spoke at the event and then the parents and students were able to visit the information tables that the college representatives had set up. All thought that it was an informative night. The Committee is in the process of scheduling the Third Parent Meeting that will likely be set for March. It will be the last session of this academic year. The Committee is inviting Karen LaBelle, a life coach specializing in working with teenage girls, to address the School's female students and their parents. She will have them do an exercise that teaches parents to "pass pen" to their daughter so they can write down their own life story, not one written by the parents. The Committee would like to find a speaker for the male students and their parents. If anyone has a suggestion, please let the Committee know. The Committee is considering whether to have another fund raiser for the spring.

Finance Committee Report. The Board reviewed the finance report provided by Finance Committee and reviewed the funding in some detail. The financial condition of the School remains good. The Picnic Table and Patio Project was discussed and it was reported that the cost (between \$10,000 and \$11,000) of the project is projected to be higher than anticipated. While the funding for the project was to be met by the fundraisers, it is now apparent that the fundraisers will not be adequate for the total cost of the project. The Board decided that there was sufficient interest in updating the existing picnic table area to justify providing the shortfall from school funds. Therefore, Tonya Cary moved that the Picnic Table and Patio Project be approved with funding for the project to be sourced first from the fundraisers and then from the unbudgeted school funds to make up any shortfall. The motion was seconded by Lynn Magnan. The motion passed unanimously by all present Board Members: Frank Campigotto, Tonya Cary, Hal Helms, Lynn Magnan, Keith McNeel, Pam Patterson, Nelson Pinochet, Rene Sawyer, and John Trone.

### Update on SCPCSD

John Trone and Principal Mike Sinclair attended the board meeting of the South Carolina Public Charter School District when they considered our admission to their district. They reported that the meeting was a very positive experience and that the questions and comments from the board were all favorable. The SCPCSD board voted to accept our application. The School has notified Greenville County School District of our intent to leave their district and become a charter school of the South Carolina Public Charter School District.

The School will have to update its Charter. This was given as an action item to the Governance Committee.

### Principal's Report/School Overview

Mike Sinclair provided the Principal's Report and commented as follows:

- Nancy DeYoung is coordinating the administration of the mid-term practice ACT. We will use this data to measure the effect of our work through staff development.
- We will administer the ACT through their online testing program during the first week in March, tentatively March 7.
- We are awaiting the decision from the State Board of Education to grant us a waiver to administer the Work Keys assessment using the paper and pencil format. We received incorrect information on this process and had to resubmit our request.
- In my meeting with Dr. Miller regarding the tuition cost for our students, he noted that there was not communication between the college and the three charter schools pertaining to the increase. He did understand our concern, but noted that it was necessary. I did share that there were other dual credit programs approaching us for our consideration as an option. I propose that the Board make a decision on the tuition model for the class of 2020 and clearly recognize that the tuition could increase every year creating a need to change the model for future classes.
- Chad Ayers will be meeting with several staff members from Brashier Middle College on January 30 to discuss his company's training program and opportunities for us to work with them in the future.

#### **Action Item**

After discussion concerning the School transferring from the Greenville County School District to the South Carolina Public Charter School District, Keith McNeel moved that Brashier Middle College Charter High School transfer to the South Carolina Public Charter School District pending the anticipated passage of adequate funding by the South Carolina Legislature as communicated by the Greenville County School District. The motion was seconded by Tonya Cary. The motion passed unanimously by all eight Board members who were present: Frank Campigotto, Tonya Cary, Lynn Magnan, Keith McNeel, Pam Patterson, Nelson Pinochet, Rene Sawyer and John Trone.

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM. The next Board meeting will be **February 13, 2017**.  
Submitted by FJ Campigotto, Secretary