



CHAPEL HILL ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 12:00p.m., in-person
Regular Board Meeting Minutes

CHA Board Members Present:

Joe Breedlove	Pamela Gilchrist	Joni Horton
Erma Lee, President	Judy Needham	Pam Pigman
Robin Reed		

CHA Board Members Absent:

Tony Pompa		
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Lena Pope Staff Members and Visitors:

Ashley Elgin	Robert Ramirez	Todd Tudor
Victoria Sendejo	D’Ann Spraggins	

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Erma Lee, President, with a quorum present.

Mission Moment

Victoria Sendejo, Superintendent, presented pictures of CHA students and staff throughout the years and told the story behind each picture.

Minutes of January 17, 2024 and March 11, 2024 (combined meeting with Lena Pope Executive Committee)

The minutes of January 17, 2024 and March 11, 2024 meetings were distributed prior to the meeting. Erma Lee asked for corrections to the minutes. No corrections offered. The minutes were accepted as distributed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Staff Anniversary Acknowledgements

There are 7 staff members celebrating 5 years with CHA in 2024.

Review Plan for CHA Academic Year 2024-2025

Ashley Elgin, CEO, presented the Board with a document outlining the dynamic change to the academic climate and the impact to CHA and other area schools. Given the current estimated enrollment of 427, the school would operate at a \$3.8 million deficit with a projected inflationary demand year to year. This would require an agency wide programmatic reduction in force. A financial projection based on enrollment was presented, as well as financial schedules reflecting possible costs associated with surrendering the charter.

The Board of Trustees reviewed the two options including acquisition by another charter school or surrender the charter to TEA. A discussion with the Superintendent of the School of Science and Technology (SST) did not yield the results needed for an acquisition. After a discussion of variables, impact to staff, students, community, and the remaining Lena Pope programs, the Board of Trustees determined that the best course of action is to recommend the surrender of the charter to TEA as of August 31, 2024. A Board Resolution to surrender Chapel Hill Academy's charter to TEA was presented to the Board for a vote. Pam Pigman made a motion to approve the Board Resolution to surrender the charter to TEA and to close Chapel Hill Academy effective August 31, 2024. Joni Horton seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The recommendation to surrender the charter will be proposed to the Lena Pope Board of Directors at the meeting on April 19, 2024.

Fiscal Report

Todd Tudor, CFO, reviewed the March 31, 2024 financial statements which show a deficit of (\$3,088), which is (\$13,370) unfavorable to the budget. Judy Needham made a motion to accept the March 31, 2024 financial statements as presented. Robin Reed seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The Federal Grant Funding Summary, including ESSER III, Title I, Title II, and Title IV funds awarded was reviewed.

Report from Superintendent

Victoria Sendejo, Superintendent reported the current enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year is 506. The 4th six weeks metrics were reviewed, including attendance, referrals to Lena Pope and CPS, number of students/families receiving crisis intervention, families receiving financial aid, in and out of school suspensions, and meals provided.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:29 p.m.