## Meeting Minutes for Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees held 7:00 PM Tuesday, June 26, 2008 at Evergreen Community Charter School

#### ATTENDENCE:

#### **Board of Trustees**

Mary Baxter, Cindy Haab, Frank Lopez, and Joanne Storer

### **Advisory Panel**

Jill Shoesmith and Nancy Lewis

#### Guests

none

#### ABSENT:

Chris Kinsley, Board of Trustees
Holly Corcoran, Board of Trustees
Bryan Dunlap, Board of Trustees
Nancy Price, Advisory Panel
Patti O'Keefe, Advisory Panel
Rudy Haab, Advisory Panel
Henry Bockelman, Pocono Mountain School District Liaison

- 1. The meeting was called to order by Evergreen Community Charter School Board of Trustees President, Joanne Storer, at 7:10 PM after it was established that a quorum of the membership was present.
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance, did not happen. This meeting was held in the Spanish Room and did not have a flag.
- 3. Approval/Disapproval/Corrections/Additions of Previous Meeting's Minutes from April 24, 2008

## Frank Lopez made a motion to accept the meeting minutes of April 24, 2008 as submitted.

Mary Baxter seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously (3:0:1) Cindy Haab, Board Secretary, abstained from voting

4. Reports

Chief Executive Officer and Director of Evergreen Community Charter School – Jill Shoesmith.

Jill went over her Monthly Report as of June 26, 2008 (see attached)

In addition to her written report, Jill reported that approximately 70 applications have been received for next year. Jill thinks that the good PR in the Pocono Record for the play and graduation help increase the number of applications. There are many repeat applicants.

She also reported that the school is in the permitting phase for enclosing the front of the school. Architects have been met with, however the timeframe is an issue. The second set of revised plans have been delivered to the township today.

Cindy updated the Board on the progress of Kyle's Eagle Scout project.

Jill reports that the bus acquisition may not be as easy as first thought. There's a bidding process. Jill will continue to speak with Kevin Alt of PMSD.

Software has been ordered with the grant money and is ready for downloading.

There is an additional amount of \$270,000 grant money available for possible basement renovations next summer.

- 5. Executive Session (not applicable this meeting)
- 6. Instructional Report by Teachers and Students (not applicable this meeting)
- 7. Recognition of Visitors (Community input/ presenters, etc) (not applicable this meeting)
- 8. Items for Discussion and Possible Resolution
- 8.1. Moving our Annual Meeting Date
  Cindy explained to the Board that we could postpone the Annual Meeting to August if the
  majority of Board members could not make it in July. It was decided to table this and do an
  email vote with all of the Board members.
- 8.2. Bimonthly meetings

Cindy explained to the Board that monthly meetings are sometimes too much for the volunteer members. Much time is involved in paperwork and report preparation and perhaps the Board would like to consider bimonthly meetings. Financial reports could still be approved via email on a monthly basis. It was then brought up about the use of laptops for each Board member, instead of the binders. Jill thought it was a great idea and would help cut down on the numerous papers. The Board members agreed that bimonthly meetings might be a good idea and Cindy will present a meeting schedule at our Annual Meeting to be voted upon.

8.3. Establish a Nominating Committee

Cindy explained that Bryan, Holly and Chris' terms as Board members are up in July 2008. Both Holly and Chris agreed to remain on the Board for at least 1 more year. But a replacement Board member needs to be found for Bryan (Evergreen alumnus), who is moving out of the area. A Nominating Committee of Joanne Storer, Mary Baxter, and Cindy Haab was established. The Committee will present their replacement at our Annual Meeting.

Jill mentioned that we will need to renew our Charter with PMSD. It was only good for 3 years.

- 9. Items Requiring Board Action
- 9.1. Business and Financial Affairs
  - 9.1.1. Approval of payments to vendors

Jill provided the Board with a copy of the check register listing the checking account activity from April 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Frank Lopez then made a motion to approve the payments to vendors for April and May 2008.

Mary Baxter seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously (4:0)

9.1.2. Approval/Disapproval of current Financial Statements to be given to PMSD, including the April and May 2008 Profit & Loss Statement

Jill provided the Board with a copy of the Profit/Loss Statement from April and May.

Jill pointed that there was a savings of nearly \$10K in gas utilities over last year.

However the audit was \$9K and maybe next year we should spread out the payments.

Frank Lopez then made a motion to approve the Profit/Loss Statement to be given to Pocono Mountain School District from April and May 2008.

Joanne Storer seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously (4:0)

9.1.3. Approval/Disapproval of current Financial Statements to be given to PMSD, including the April and May 2008 Balance Sheet.

Mary Baxter then made a motion to approve the Balance Sheet to be given to Pocono Mountain School District from April and May 2008.

Joanne Storer seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously (4:0)

### 9.1.4. Grant money expenditures

Jill presented the Board with a breakdown of Grant expenditures, when she presented the check registers in 9.1.1.

### 9.1.5. Review of cleaning service bids

Nancy presented the Board with 2 cleaning bids to consider. After a discussion was held and Jill was advised to ask for their Certificates of Insurance.

## Cindy Haab made a motion to accept the cleaning bid from Jeff and Lynn Kerstettler

Joanne Storer seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously (4:0)

### 9.2. Students Curriculum and Policy

9.2.1. Revised Policy 1802-02 Enrollment and Public Lottery

Jill presented the Board with a projection of available slots for the upcoming lottery as follows:

12<sup>th</sup> Grade No Applicants
11<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 students
10<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 students
9<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 students
8<sup>th</sup> Grade 3 students
7<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 students
6<sup>th</sup> Grade 6 students

# Mary Baxter made a motion to approve the available slots for the 2008/2009 school year.

Joanne Storer seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously (4:0)

### 9.3. Personnel- Professional Staff

### 9.3.1. Teacher Salaries

Jill suggests that we table this until next month. She wants to receive PMSD reimbursement rate. Jill mentioned that no additional teachers will need to be hired and she has received letters of assurance that the teachers will be returning in the fall.

## 9.4. Personnel- Support Staff (not applicable this meeting)

### 10. Open Discussion

- 10.1. Board Members (not applicable this meeting)
- 10.2. Advisory Panel/Evergreen Foundation Members (not applicable this meeting)

- 10.3. Pocono Mountain School District Liaison (not applicable this meeting)
- 10.4. Public Comment (not applicable this meeting)

### 11. Adjournment

Cindy announced that the next Board of Trustees meeting will be held on either Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> or Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM at Evergreen Community Charter School. She will be back in touch with everyone via email as to the meeting date.

### Frank Lopez made a motion to adjourn

Lucinda Q. Xaab

Joanne Storer seconded the motion Motion carried unanimously (4:0)

At 8:15 PM the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Lucinda A. Haab Board of Trustees, Secretary