

CALL TO ORDER

Jonathan Ward called the meeting to order at 5:37pm; Board Policy and Sect 286.0114 Florida Statute was read to all present as written on the bottom of the agenda ref. Public Comments.

Roll Call was completed – quorum met

Present:

- President Deb MacKay
- Vice President Ralph Smith
- Secretary Jonathan Ward
- Members at Large: Patty Dodd

Staff : School Principal: David Friedlander, Assistant Principal Colleen Beals and Alexis Beals.

Public: Police Officer Deputy Liss, Mary Ann Kelly, Beverly Dodder, Janice Strange, Daniel Batson, Kristin Walker, Clay Smith.

Apologies: None

REVIEW OF PUBLIC NOTICES

The meeting notice was posted on School Website and sent via Remind.

Approve Minutes (2 min)

July 8th 2024 - Motion to accept made by Ralph Smith and seconded by Patty Dodd. Passed with a unanimous vote.

Lease

The revised lease was discussed and it was agreed that it should be signed to be presented to the Town Council at our follow-on meeting at the Community Center.

Motion to accept the lease as written and to be signed by the Principal was made by Patty Dodd and seconded by Ralph Smith. The motion was passed unanimously.

Finance/budget Discussion and Approval :

The **Referendum \$s** are being discussed with the county school board to recoup the 5yrs of shortfall.

The board were asked if the President should continue the negotiations and to have authority to approve the settlement on behalf of the school. The motion for this was made by Patty Dodd, seconded by Jonathan Ward and passed unanimously.

The 2023/24 budget was discussed and a motion was made to accept it by Patty Dodd, seconded by Ralph Smitha and approved unanimously.

Audit Report : There were no findings or recommendations made. I.e. a ‘clean’ audit. A motion was made to accept the report by Jonathan Ward seconded by Patty Dodd and approved unanimously.

2024/2025 Budget had been reviewed at the prior workshop. A motion to accept was made by Ralph Smith, seconded by Jonathan Ward and passed unanimously.

Board Member Application

An application to join the board was made by Clay Smith; formerly of Micanopy Academy.

The board made enquiries of Clay’s background and motivation .

A motion to accept Clay to the board was made by Ralph Smith, seconded by Jonathan Ward and passed unanimously.

Welcome to the board Clay!

Fundraising

There are three parents who are interested in helping with fundraising. Jonathan will work with them to form a committee to maximize school fundraising.

Principal’s Spending Limit

It was proposed by Deb MacKay that the principal’s discretionary spending limit be increased from \$500 to \$5000. After a brief discussion a motion was made by Patty Dodd, seconded by Ralph Smith and passed unanimously.

Principal’s Report

ERC Update: Latest update is that the IRS has lifted their moratorium and resumed reviewing the submissions filed by September 2023. Based on estimates, we should be eligible for approximately \$45,000

Enrollment: Current k-5 enrollment number is 43; VPK enrollment is 10

VPK Update: The hours of the VPK program are 7:30 to 10:30 and 10 children are currently enrolled. We have 1 open slot remaining. There are currently 3 children attending the VPK aftercare program

23-24 Academic data presentation and discussion

Staffing Update: The full-time Paraprofessional hired at the beginning of the year has resigned. We reposted the position and are interviewing new candidates.

Summer Camp update: 12 students participated in the second summer enrichment program. This was the last year funded through the Esser Grant

Title 1 Program Update

1890's Festival Update: We will provide a parking venue and a booth at the Festival.

Public Comments (5-10 min)

None

Board Final comments (~ 5 min)

Ralph Smith. Thanksgiving baskets are in progress.

Patty Dodd: Thanks everyone who has helped us turn the corner..

Jonathan Ward: no comment.

Deb Mackay:

- We should utilize the Microsoft rewards program
- We should review our bylaws

David Friedlander : Working with a K-6 cub scout group. The pack is approved.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:15pm