

TMCS Board Minutes  
October 23, 2018

The October 23, 2018, 6:30pm meeting held at TMCS 613 Glover St, Hendersonville, NC was called to order at 6:35 by Tanya Blackford.

Attending board members were Tanya Blackford, Aimie Burns, Jeannette Butterworth, Cathy Chet, Erin Hill, Tricia King, Ann Lentini, Rebecca Schwartz, Brad Ward

Attending staff members were Denise Pesce and Noelle McKay

The meeting agenda was approved; motion made by Erin Hill seconded by Jeannette Butterworth. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

The September 18, 2018 meeting minutes were approved; motion made by Jeannette Butterworth, seconded by Erin Hill. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**Public Meeting Regarding School Expansion**

A public meeting was held by Henderson County Alliance for Education, Inc. on Tuesday October 23, 2018 at 6:30pm located at The Mountain Community School. The organization is applying for \$3.963 million in funding to construct a new middle school building and gym on the existing school property and to remodel a portion of the existing building using funds from a USDA, Rural Development Community Facilities Loan. Ten people were in attendance. The project and the use of the loan funds were discussed, and the floor was opened for questions.

One question was asked: When do we anticipate the new buildings will be open for students?

Response: The school's goal is to have the addition and remodel open to students in the fall of 2020 for the school year 2020/2021.

The public meeting regarding the school expansion was closed: motion made by Erin Hill, seconded by Jeannette Butterworth. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

**Principal Report: Denise Pesce**

Budget

The September financials shows a \$21,000 cash surplus. The surplus varies from month to month. Acadia North Star manages the school's financials, filing taxes, and Power School. TMCS can request a report from Acadia on any budget line item at any time.

The Technology line of the budget shows only 37.9% of that budget line item has been used to date. E-Rate has rewired and created new access points including rewiring the bridge to the McGrady building. TMCS will be refunded by the State of NC for the balance not covered by E-Rate.

TMCS receives funding from state and county allocations. Federal money is provided for every EC student, this federal funding is funneled through the state. State funding is based on the ADM (Average Daily Membership) which is determined by enrollment numbers during the first 30 days of the school

year. The county updates their ADM on a monthly basis and their funding numbers vary throughout the year.

Motion made to approve the September 2018 budget by Ann Lentini, seconded by Rebecca Schwartz. All voted in favor; none opposed. Motion carried.

#### Charter Renewal

A renewal of the TMCS charter is required every 10 years. TMCS is in the second year of the two year renewal process. The self-study, site visit, and parent, teacher, and board panels have been completed. Denise will be presenting to the Charter School Advisory Board on November 5<sup>th</sup>. One of the areas will be presenting on is how TMCS's proficiencies compare with Henderson County Public School proficiencies and how in certain categories comparisons maybe difficult based on our lower enrollment numbers compared to the much larger county school system.

#### School Expansion

TMCS has made progress with the architects and the drawings are being refined. Noelle and Denise met with Pam Hysong on the documents and information needed to complete the loan application. The goal is to have the update completed by November 15. The Environmental Assessment will require at least 30 days for completion.

#### Development Committee

Noelle provided GNAR Sponsorship Packets to the board and the board signed up for individual asks. Board members were asked to approach and secure sponsorships by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Information was provided about the design and input process of the school's Discovery Park. General giving levels have been established and board members were asked to identify businesses and individual prospects for higher level donations.

The next board meeting was scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

With no further business, public comments, or board observations Erin Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully submitted by Noelle McKay.