

# 2023 PSCS Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2023, 6:00 PM

PSCS 9232 Bob Bob Beatty Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269

Virtual meeting [www.Pioneerzoom.com](http://www.Pioneerzoom.com)

## ROLL CALL

### Board Members Present

- Abigail Jennings, Sandy Knox, Peter Blumenfeld, Erik Giles, Erick Peters, Cyndi Ixchele Aya

### Board Members Absent

- Barbara Ann Temple
- De'Onn Griffin

### Administration Present

- Glenda Cheek
- Becky Friend

### Guests Present

- Heidi Magi

## CALL TO ORDER

Abigail Jennings established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

## PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no notable discussions or motions. Cyndi Aya motioned to approve the September minutes, and Erik Giles seconded the motion to approve the minutes. Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail Jennings called for a motion to approve; the motion passed unanimously.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Erick Peters presented the Financial Statement and Balance Sheet for September.

Abigail Jennings requested a motion to approve the September financial statement and balance sheet.

Cyndi Aya motioned to approve September's financial and balance sheet. Peter Blumenfeld seconded the motion. Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail Jennings called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

Erick Peters reported on the following:

- The Finance Committee was tasked with finding the highest yield for a new certificate of deposit (CD). The interest from the CD would go to support future scholarships and would not be received in this fiscal year.
- The Finance Committee made contact with several companies regarding purchasing a school bus for field trips and athletic events. The research has been very informative and is ongoing. There is currently a shortage of bus inventory. The committee will continue their research and will hopefully find a suitable option soon.
- The audit has been completed and there were no negative findings. Abigail Jennings requested a motion to approve the 2023 Audit. Peter Blumenfeld motioned to approve the 2023 Audit. Cyndi Aya seconded the motion. Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail Jennings called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Abigail Jennings requested a motion to opt-in for the new Paid Parental Leave which would provide reimbursement to the school in accord with [temporary rule 16 NCA 06C.0408 Parent Leave](#). Erik Giles made a motion to approve the Opt-In for Paid Parental Leave. Cyndi Aya seconded the motion. Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail Jennings called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

## **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE**

Cyndi Aya reported on updates to the Professional Development Scholarships for teachers and the new Communities in Action Scholarships for high school graduates.

The teacher scholarships are as follows, which includes a new scholarship for teachers wishing to pursue the National Board certification:

- Master Teacher Scholarship supports the professional growth and passion of career teachers.
- Naturalist in Training Scholarship provides the opportunity to further develop capacity for nature education through targeted professional development and opportunity for leadership within the school community.
- AT to LT Residency Scholarship supports the transition from Associate Teacher to licensed teacher through tuition reimbursement for work on an initial degree in education associated with earning a teaching license.
- National Board for Professional Teaching Standards scholarship supports the professional growth and passion of career teachers through continued education, resulting in certification.

The new PSCS Communities in Action Scholarships honor the achievement of objectives for each of the five Community in Action course of studies:

1. The Humanities: Green Cultural Studies
2. Sustainable Business and Industry

3. Designing the Future: Engineering, Technology, and Architecture
4. The Natural Sciences
5. The Teacher Apprentice

These scholarships are dedicated to assisting students defray financial costs for attending any 2-year, 4-year college/university, or trade school.

Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail Jennings called for a motion to approve the new student scholarships.

Sandy Knox motioned to approve The new Student Scholarships. Erik Giles seconded the motion. Abigail Jennings called for any additional questions or comments; there were none. Abigail Jennings called for a vote; the motion passed unanimously.

## **DIRECTOR REPORT**

### **Operations**

In Kelley Hood's absence, Becky Friend presented the BOY i-Ready benchmark data.

Becky Friend reported that our 20th day ADM was 564, and our current enrollment is 575.

Heidi Magi gave an update on community events:

- Reach for the Trees had an incredible turn-out with lots of volunteers and a joyful day for our school community. We have raised over \$40,000 to date and donations are still coming in.
- The next community event is November 3rd, the Folklore and Fairytale Festival.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Abigail Jennings called for any further comment or discussion and, hearing none, requested a motion to adjourn. Sandy Knox made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Erik Giles*

Erik Giles, Board Secretary