

# Faith Academy Charter School Board Minutes

March 2025

**Monday, March 17, 2025 6:00 PM**

## **School Mission:**

Faith Academy Charter School will prepare a diverse student body for college and career through Project Based Learning, life skills courses, and College and Technical Education pathways. Through this challenging and supportive learning environment, students address real-world problems to become successful citizens and community leaders in a rapidly changing world.

\*All Admin and Board Members Present


## **Agenda**

- 1. Meeting called to order & Welcome guests by George Wilhelm at 6:02pm**
- 2. Recitation of Mission by George Wilhelm**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance by Mark Brinkley**
- 4. Student Recognition- Girls and Boys MS Basketball Teams Conference Champs!**  
**-Athletic Director Howard Torrence and Coach Mike Gurley spoke about both teams accomplishments. Standing ovation by the board!**

## **4. Consent Agenda**

Approval of March 17, 2025 Agenda

Approval of February 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes

 [FACS\\_ Board Meeting Minutes- 2\\_17\\_2025.pdf](#)

Approval of March 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

 [FACS\\_ Emergency Board Meeting Minutes - 3\\_3\\_2025.pdf](#)

Motion to approve last months minutes and todays Agenda by Gene Miller

Seconded by Robert Leslie

No Discussion  
Unanimously Approved

## **5. Public Comment - [LINK TO FULL POLICY](#)**

*Public comment is a time for the community to provide feedback to the Board of Directors. For in-person meetings attendees must sign up at the start of the meeting in order to give public comment. Each community member is limited to 3 minutes of comment, with a total time allotted to public comment of up to 30 minutes. During remote meetings, attendees may add their public comments to the chat feature which will be sent directly to the Board of Directors. Board members will then share the comments with the meeting attendees for up to 10 minutes.*

*Public comment is also a time for the Board of Directors to listen to the feedback of the community. Board members can not respond to public comments during the meeting. However, the Board recognizes that each stakeholder is a vital part of our community and will take comments into consideration when making decisions, planning, providing feedback to administration, and completing committee work.*

### **BOARD GUIDELINES DURING THE 30 MIN. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

\*The designated Board Moderator of comments will end a comment at 3 minutes, or recommend to the chair that they move on from public comment after 30 minutes of total comment.

\*Board members are to listen and not respond or engage in conversation during the 30 minutes of the comments portion of the Board Meeting. They are only to thank the community for the feedback.

\*During the meeting or committee follow up, board members can reference comments made by the community, if appropriate in board discussion about agenda items.

\*New agenda items should not be added to the current meeting due to public comment. They should be added to board committee agendas or future board meeting agendas.

## **New Business**

**Added during meeting - PTO Update** President Jennifer Beasley discussed plans for Spring Fest April 5th

**6. Bus Purchase Update** Lead Admin Chad Mitchell reviewed progress of purchasing 2 very good used buses from RSSS.

**Motion to use remainder/savings from Bus purchase to buy golf cart or storage for golf carts by Robert Leslie.**

**Seconded by Sheri Halpin**

**No Discussion**

**Unanimously Approved**

## **7. Health Department Approval Letter- Food Service Fundraising**

 **FACS Administration Proposal to Board of Directors - Food Preparation-Fundraiser...**

Lead Admin Chad Mitchell Discussed concession stands and food preparation at school. Advised that if we are giving food away for free we need nothing. If charging we need to apply for exception letter from Rowan County Health Dept.

Concession Stands will need sooner rather than later.

Motion to approve letter to Rowan by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Elizabeth Morrow

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

## **8. Contract with My Hot Lunch Box for High School Proposal**

 **FACS Administration Proposal to Board of Directors - MyHotLunchBox.pdf**

Discussion by Lead Admin Chad Mitchell about moving to a new food system for High School Lunch Options next year Will help with the two campuses we have.

Discussion of unpaid balances of non free/discounted lunches.

Motion to approve turning on Pre-Paid option on Orgs Lunch System for New Campus to assist by Robert Leslie.

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

## **7. SRO Discussion**

Chairman George Wilhelm discussed High School RSO

He has talked with Rowan County Sheriff and agreed we will pay our current \$46,000 for 10 months of service as an employee of ours.

## **8. USDA Contingency Fund Usage (Action Required)**

We have \$214,000 in our contingency fund.

Motion by Elizabeth Morrow to use this remaining contingency fund from the USDA Funds to purchase awnings for the K-8 new school. In addition any remaining balance used for debt service resource budget.

Seconded by Nick Lefko

No Discussion

**Unanimously Passed**

**9. Policy: Student Parking Policy**  **FACS Student Parking Policy.pdf**

## **Reports**

**10. Lead Administrator Report and Volunteer Report: Chad Mitchel Lead Administrator**  **FACS Administrator Report - 3.17.25.docx.pdf**

**11. Questions (if any) from the Board for Lead Administrator (regarding Administrator Report)**

**-Re Accreditation Date asked about-it is this week.**

**12. CSP Financial Report - by Cory Draughon**

a. February Financial Report:  **00. 2025-02 MFP FACS.pdf**

We are at 60% of the year. Off on some categories but overall still in a good position.

Lunch Programs still a challenge.

**13. Committee Reports**

a. Facilities Committee

b. Booster/Sports Committee

c. Finance Committee

d. Capital Campaign Committee

e. Personnel Committee -

f. PTO Committee

g. Grounds, Maintenance and Traffic Committee

h. Safety Committee

## **Closed Session**

**Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Student Record Information -**

**Pursuant to NC GS 143.318.11**

a. Personnel

**14. Final Board items - If needed, Action in open session on any Closed Session topics.**

**Motion to adjourn by Robert Leslie**

**Seconded by Mark Brinkley**

**No Discussion**  
**Unanimously Approved**

**Adjournment: 7:40pm**

**Submitted by Secretary Nick Lefko**