Faith Academy Charter School Board Minutes

May 2025

Monday, May 19, 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, CSP, and Board Members Present

Agenda

1. **Meeting called to order & Welcome guests By George Wilhelm at 6:02 pm**
2. **Recitation of Mission by Sheri Halpin**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance by Gene Miller**
4. **Announcements and Acknowledgements**
   - **Thank you to stakeholders for participating in the Charter Renewal Interviews**

4. Consent Agenda

Approval of May 19, 2025 Agenda
Approval of April 28, 2025 Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented by John Hudson
Seconded by Gene Miller
No Discussion
Unanimously

5. Public Comment - LINK TO FULL POLICY NO Public Comment Tonight*

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

6. North Carolina Coalition for Charter Schools

Discussion had about joining which was tabled from last meeting*

Motion to up the membership budget from $10,000 to $15,000 for the current year by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Gene Miller

Discussion: this is only for the budget if we join.

Unanimously Approved

7. Charter Renewal- Questions and Planning for Recommendations

-Discussed Mission statement and adjustments that need to be made.

Our Test Scores are key for renewal when they come in.

8. Proposed Board Meeting Calendar 25/26

Motion to accept Board Meeting Calendar for 25/26 by Robert Leslie

Seconded by Sheri Halpin

No Discussion

Unanimously Approved

Reports

9. Lead Administrator Report and Volunteer Report-

Discussed issue with hourly pay EEs

Tabled for more info.

Needs board vote.

Motion to accept new Teacher Assistant Pay Scale by Robert Leslie

Seconded by John Hudson

No Discussion

Unanimously Passed

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

11. CSP Financial Report - Corey Draughon

a. April Financial Report: 83% through the fiscal year.

Overall still looking very good

CLosing this week should yield lots of savings to come.

b. FY26 Budget (Action Needed)

12. Committee Reports

a. Facilities Committee

b. Booster/Sports Committee

c. Finance Committee

Closing on USDA Lower Campus Purchase 5-22-2025

d. Capital Campaign Committee

$617,382 YTD

e. Personnel Committee

f. PTO Committee

g. Grounds, Maintenance and Traffic Committee

h. Safety Committee

Motion to enter closed session by Nick Lefko

Seconded by Mark Brinkley

Unanimously Approved

Closed Session: 7:45 pm

Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Student Record Information -

Pursuant to NC GS 143.318.11

a. Personnel

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

Motion to enter Open Session by Nick Lefko
Seconded by John Hudson
Unanimously Approved
8:49 pm

Motion to approve 25/25 Budget as presented by Finance Committee by Liz Morrow
Seconded by Robert Leslie
No Discussion
Unanimously Approved

Motion to approve list of new candidates as presented by Administration by Nick Lefko
Seconded by Sheri Halpin
No Discussion
Unanimously Approved

***George Wilhelm Chair disclosed to board that his Sister is Gloria Wilhelm**

Motion to accept new Board Members as presented by Robert Leslie
Seconded by Sheri Halpin

No Discussion
Unanimously Approved

Motion to Adjourn by Liz Morrow
Seconded by Gene Miller
Unanimously Approved

Adjournment: 8:52 pm

Signed by Secretary Nick Lefko