

# Faith Academy Charter School Board Book

April 2023

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

Location: Faith Academy Charter School

## 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.

## Agenda Meeting began at 7:05 pm

### 1. Meeting called to order & Welcome guests - George Wilhelm, Chairman

**Board Members Present:** George Wilhelm, Chairman, Tim Williams, Secretary, Liz Morrow, Treasurer, Chris Sease, Attorney and Nick Lefko.

**Board Members Absent:** Gene Miller, Vice-Chairman and Janna Griggs

**Head Administrator:** Dr. Sarah Hensley

**Charter Success Partners:** Cory Draughon

### 2. Recitation of Mission: George Wilhelm, Chairman

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance: Tim Williams

### 4. Approval of April 17 Consent Agenda

- Approval of 3/20/23 Meeting Minutes ([Open Session](#)), 4/3/23 ([Open Session](#)) and 4/10/23 Meeting Minutes ([Open Session](#))
- Approval of 3/20/23 and 4/10/23 Meeting Minutes
- **Lead Administrator Report**

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:** Chris Sease

**Seconded:** Liz Morrow

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Status:** Approved Unanimously

### 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.

## **No Public Comment**

## **Reports**

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

Dr. Hensley reported on Student Career Day, Music and Visual Arts Day, FACS Theater Arts Program and the “Junie B. Jone is Not a Crook” production, Extended Learning Experiences and FACS Yearbook completion. All handouts are made a part of these minutes.

### **7. Financial Report**

#### a. March Financial Report: [03. Board Report 2023.03](#)

Cory Draughon reported that after review we can expect a surplus of approximately \$820,000.00 at the end of the fiscal year. Cory reported a strong financial year end to come. He will check into lunch costs.

#### b. FY 24 Draft Budget

A Draft budget is being prepared this week. First reading should be ready for the May Board meeting. Approval at the June Meeting.

### **8. Committee Reports**

#### a. Facilities Committee

Tim and George reported that the building is weathered in, the second floor is

completed and the roof is almost complete. This week they will begin priming and painting the exterior and crews will be onsite to begin all interior walls, continue plumbing and electrical, etc.

b. Sports Committee

Liz Morrow reported that Gold is going great and that Howard Torrence reported that our soccer team is becoming very competitive.

c. Finance Committee

No Further Report - Committee will meet with Cory Draughon to prepare a budget.

d. Capital Campaign Committee

Tim Williams reported that to date the Capital Campaign has raised \$280,079.21. Miller/Davis is waiting on the contract with them to be signed. Our attorney has redlined the contract. George will get the corrected contract back to MD. Tim reported that the Robertson Foundation will be our guest on Thursday April 20th at 9:30 am. Tim invited all board members to join us. He asked that we make the presentation only about FACS and the wonderful accomplishments and strides that we have made. We will be showcasing our RoCo Gold Award, our test scores, our new school, our Administration and our Teachers. The group will be led on a tour of the school by Dr. Hensley.

e. Personnel Committee - No Report

## Old Business

## New Business

### 9. Enrollment update

Cory Draughon reported where we stand with our current enrollment. We have 803 currently coming in the Fall. Our target has been 740, but with a 30% increase allowed by the state we can take 779.

### 10. Review/Discuss Potential Class Additions

Cory reported that multiple safeguards have been put into place for next year's enrollment.

1. Pushing for 779 enrollment to increase maximum financial windfall
2. Financially positive with 779 enrollment.
3. Based on final dollars there are more possibilities financially to get the gym and cafeteria online sooner.

Cory informed the Board that CSP's fees would be based on 740 students

### 11. Organization Chart

FACS's organizational structure will have two directors or head administrators. Dr. Hensley will lead the elementary and middle school and the High School head administrator will lead the High School.

### 12. New Buses

George Wilhelm reported that the two buses that will be purchased from Parsons will cost \$5400.00 (already approved)

Maintenance for all 5 buses will be \$1400.00 per month.

**Motion to approve the maintenance contract for 5 buses from Parsons for \$1400.00 per month:**  
Chris Sease

**Seconded:** Liz Morrow

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Status:** Approved Unanimously

**13. Closed Session - Personnel, Contract Negotiations, Student Record Information - Pursuant to  
NC GS 143.318.11**

a. Personnel

**Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:00pm:** Nick Lefko

**Seconded:** Liz Morrow

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Status:** Approved Unanimously

Dr. Sarah Hensley and Cory Draughon left the meeting at 8:01 pm

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

**Open Session resumed at 8:30 pm**

**Motion to take the highest allowed legal action against juvenile at issue based on Board  
Policy and subject to review by FACS attorney:** Chris Sease

**Seconded:** Nick Lefko

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Status:** Approved Unanimously

**Motion to Adjourn at 8:34 pm:** Chris Sease

**Seconded:** Liz Morrow

**Discussion:** None

**Motion Status:** Approved Unanimously

**Adjournment**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Williams, Secretary