



**COMPASS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2007**

**Executive Session**

Following a roll call vote in public session, the board held an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345 (l) a. to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.

At 8:30 PM, Chairman Barrus called the executive session to order. Members present were, Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Christensen, Director Zito and Director Adolf.

The board discussed details relating to the hiring of staff members.

At 8:39 PM, seeing nothing further to discuss, Chairman Barrus adjourned the meeting without objection.

**Public Session:** This session was a public session for the purpose of conducting school business. The board met at Compass Public Charter School, 2511 W. Cherry Lane, Meridian, Idaho.

**1. Opening of Meeting**

- a. Call Meeting to Order: At 7:02 PM, Chairman Barrus called the meeting to order.
- b. Roll Call: The clerk called the roll. Members present were, Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Christensen, Director Zito, and Director Adolf.
- c. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Barrus asked Administrator Fearey to lead the pledge.
- d. Approval of Agenda: Chairman Barrus asked that Item 4-d, PFA report, be added to the agenda. She also requested that new item 1-f, 5<sup>th</sup> grade vocabulary presentation, be added to the agenda. Director Dison *moved that the agenda be adopted with the changes.* Director Simmons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
- e. Approval of Minutes: Chairman Barrus asked if the board had had opportunity to review the minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting. Director Simmons *moved that the minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting be approved as recorded.* Director Christensen seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposing. Chairman Barrus asked if the board had had opportunity to review the minutes from the October 25, 2007 special meeting. . Director Christensen *moved that the minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting be approved.* Director Simmons seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposing.
- f. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Vocabulary Presentation: Chairman Barrus gave Ms. Simili and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students the opportunity to present their vocabulary list to the board.
- g. Persons wishing to speak to an Agenda Item: Chairman Barrus asked if there were any persons wishing to speak to an agenda item. The clerk reported that Renee Jones had

signed in to speak to the calendar item. Chairman Barrus asked Ms. Jones if she would like to wait until the item was reached on the agenda. She said that she would.

- h. Persons wishing to speak to a Non-Agenda Item: Chairman Barrus asked if there were any persons wishing to speak to a non-agenda item. The clerk reported that there were none.

## 2. Old Business

- a. Lottery: Chairman Barrus surrendered the floor to Director Dison who proposed that the Compass Public Charter School lottery be held earlier in the year. Her recommendations included a 3:00 pm on March 28, 2008 deadline for the receipt of applications. She also asked that the lottery be held on April 10, 2008, results letters be mailed by April 13, 2008 and the response deadline be set as April 28, 2008. Seeing that there was no policy change or charter amendment necessary for the lottery change, Chairman Barrus directed Director Dison to proceed with the modified lottery dates. Director Dison asked that an agenda item be added to the next regular meeting agenda concerning a policy for archiving lottery materials.

## 3. New Business

- a. Unused Checks: Clerk Stover reported that when the school changed banks in August 2006, checks numbered 1838 through 1999 were left unused. She asked that the board approve the destruction of these checks. Director Zito *moved that checks 1838 through 1999 from the old Washington Mutual Bank account be destroyed.* Director Simmons seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposing.
- b. 2008-2009 School Calendar: Administrator Trudeau presented a draft of the 2008-2009 calendar, stating that the October break would be limited to one and a half weeks. She also pointed out that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade daily schedule would change to accommodate the coaches. Director Simmons pointed out that the spring break on the proposed calendar did not coincide with the Meridian School District calendar. Director Zito stated that 3 weeks in December seemed very long. Renee Jones was asked for her comments. She suggested that the spring break be reduced so that the Compass calendar could include a few more of the long weekends found on the Meridian School District calendar. Administrator Trudeau thanked the board and Ms. Jones for their feedback. She announced that she would continue to work on the calendar with the help of teacher and parent input. No action was taken on this item.
- c. Charter Amendments: Chairman Barrus announced that each board member would be assigned a portion of the charter to review. She cautioned that the original mission of the school be used as a guideline for any changes they might recommend to the board.
- d. Policy (Discussion/Action) Director Dison

Administrator Fearey read the proposed changes to the High School Academic Warning/Probation portion of the High School Grading Scale Policy (3075):

A student is placed on academic warning for receiving one F or two Ds in marking period. A parent conference will follow.

A student is placed on academic probation for:

- (1) receiving two Fs or three or more Ds in a marking period, or
- (2) being placed on academic warning for two consecutive marking periods.

A parent conference will follow. If, after the next marking period, the student remains on probation, another parent conference will be held to consider alternatives to attendance at Compass Charter High School. Parents may also at this point appeal to the Board of Directors for continued enrollment.

**This will replace:**

A student is placed on academic warning for receiving one F or two grades of D+ or lower in a marking period. A student is placed on academic probation for

- (1) receiving two Fs or three or more grades of D+ or lower in a marking period, or

(2) being placed on academic warning for two consecutive marking periods.

Director Dison *moved that the board approve the changes to the High School Academic Warning/Probation portion of the High School Grading Scale Policy (3075)*. Director Adolf seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposing.

Director Dison *moved, by unanimous consent, that the school address be updated to 2511 W. Cherry Lane, Meridian, Idaho 83642 wherever it occurs in the policy manual*. Seeing no objections, Chairman Barrus declared the motion passed.

Administrator Fearey read the proposed changes to the High School Grading Scale Policy (3075):

Teachers in the High School assign letter grades according to the following scale:  
90-100% =A 80-89% =B 70-79% = C 60-69% = D 0-59% = F (no credit)

This will replace:

Teachers in the High School assign letter grades according to the following scale:

93-100% .....	A 4.0	73-76% .....	C 2.0
90-92% .....	A- 3.7	70-72% .....	C- 1.7
87-89% .....	B+ 3.3	67-69% .....	D+ 1.3
83-86% .....	B 3.0	63-66% .....	D 1.0
80-82% .....	B- 2.7	60-62% .....	D- .7
77-79% .....	C+ 2.3	0-59% .....	F no credit

Director Christensen *moved that the board approve the recommended changes to the High School Grading Scale Policy (3075)*. Director Simmons seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposing.

#### 4. Reports

- a. Administrator's Report: Administrator Trudeau reported that Mr. Pinkerman was establishing himself in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. She also stated that the Direct Writing and Direct Math Assessments would be given soon.
- b. High School Administrator's Report: John Fearey reported that Ms. Tschikof, Director Simmons and he had traveled to Coeur d' Alene to review the Coeur d' Alene Charter High School, a college preparatory program. He reported that they found that a good work ethic is highly stressed, the students are very familiar with the school mission, and no changes are made unless they align with the mission statement. Mr. Fearey asked if Ms. Tschikof or Director Simmons had anything to add. They added that Coeur d' Alene Charter high school defines rigor as the level of intellectual challenge, rather than the amount of work assigned.
- c. Community Relations Report: Chris Jensen reported that the Yamaha presentation was successful. She also stated that both the Grant Committee and the Crisis Management Committee had met in October and were planning meetings in November. Ms. Jensen told that she and Mrs. Luke were able to attend the North Star Charter School board meeting and could report that the North Star board had decided to build at an Eagle location, instead of a location within Compass Public Charter School boundaries.
- d. PFA Report: Janice Christensen reported that the PFA was planning a Pajama/Movie Night, just for fun, on November 16, 2007. She also reported that the deadline to order school logo attire would be November 13, 2007. Ms Christensen announced that the PFA would hold a fundraiser and book fair on December 11, 2007.

5. Consent Agenda: Chairman Barrus asked if board members had had opportunity to review the consent agenda, which contained a check register (10/1/2007-10/31/2007) showing expenses of \$115290.47, a budget report from October 2007, an activities account report, a Local Government Investment Pool account report, and a report of staffing changes. Chairman Barrus reviewed the staffing changes, Director Simmons asked how the food service program was doing, and Director Dison asked the clerk to check into the expenditures assigned to the administrative purchased services. The clerk referred Director Simmons to the food service account numbered 290 and said that the administrative purchased services would be checked. *Director Simmons moved that the consent agenda be adopted.* Director Dison seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the consent agenda was adopted. Members voting in favor were Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Christensen, Director Zito, and Director Adolf. There were no opposing votes.
  
6. Call for Executive Session: Director Adolf *moved that the board move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345 (l) a. to consider hiring a public officer, employee, staff member, or individual agent.* Director Simmons seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Members voting in favor were Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Christensen, Director Zito, and Director Adolf. There were no opposing votes.
  
7. Adjournment: At 8:40 PM, Director Dison *moved that the meeting be adjourned.* Director Simmons seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Date Approved