

# COMPASS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

## COMPASS PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 10, 2008

Public Session – This public session for the purpose of conducting school business was held at Compass Public Charter School, 2511 W. Cherry Lane, Meridian, Idaho.

1. Opening of Meeting
  - a. **Call Meeting to Order:** At 7:00 PM, Chairman Barrus called the meeting to order.
  - b. **Roll Call:** The clerk took the roll. Members present were Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Zito and Director Adolf.
  - c. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Barrus asked Administrator Fearey to lead the pledge.
  - d. **Approval of Agenda:** Chairman Barrus pointed out a few agenda modifications. There would be no class presentation, a new Item 2a –Set Date for the February Meeting would be added, and the call for an executive session would include Idaho Code Section 67-2345 (l) b. to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student, in addition to subsection c, which had been published. Director Dison *moved that the stated changes be made to the agenda and the agenda be approved by unanimous consent.* Chairman Barrus declared the agenda amended and approved without objection.
  - d. **Approval of Minutes:** Chairman Barrus asked if there was a motion concerning the minutes of December 13, 2007. Director Simons *moved that the minutes from the December 13, 2007 meeting be accepted as presented.* Director Adolf seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposing. Chairman Barrus asked if there was a motion concerning the minutes of December 17, 2007. Director Zito *moved that the minutes from the December 17, 2007 meeting be accepted as presented, by unanimous consent.* Chairman Barrus stated that the minutes from the December 17, 2007 meeting were accepted without objection.
  - e. **Class Presentation:** There was no class presentation as stated in the approval of the agenda.
  - f. **Persons wishing to speak to an Agenda Item:** Chairman Barrus asked if there were any persons signed in to speak to an agenda item. The clerk reported that there were. Ric Jacob, Jon Stadlander, and Susan Luke had all signed in to speak to the Secondary School Enrollment Plan, item 2b on the published agenda.
  - e. **Persons wishing to speak to a Non-Agenda Item:** Chairman Barrus asked if there were any persons signed in to speak to a non-agenda item. The clerk reported that there were none.
2. Old Business
  - a. **Set Date for February Meeting:** Chairman Barrus asked the board to review their calendars and consider the urgency of the expansion plans. After discussion of board member availability, Director Zito *moved that the regularly scheduled board meeting of February 14, 2008 be canceled and a special meeting be scheduled for Thursday, January 31, 2008.* Director Dison seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposing.

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- b. **Policy:** Director Dison read the following policy for the second time:  
Miscellaneous Policies 10350

Lottery, Archiving Applications.

Each year, Compass Public Charter School receives applications for its admission lottery. These applications are kept and maintained throughout the lottery process and, for those applications/families who are not admitted through the lottery process, the applications are maintained on a waiting list. If an applicant/family requests to be removed from an active waiting list or if an applicant/family withdraws their student(s) from Compass, their application will be shredded and purged from the lottery database. Should an applicant/family wish to reapply to Compass Public Charter School (whether to be placed on a waiting list or to be included in the lottery), they may submit a new application. Compass Public Charter School will keep applications of applicants (family/students) who are on the active waiting list or who are currently enrolled in the school.

Director Simmons *moved that the policy be adopted by unanimous consent.* Chairman Barrus declared the Lottery, Archiving Applications Policy adopted without objection.

- c. **Secondary School Enrollment Plan:** Chairman Barrus gave a brief summary of the plan to double 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades to boost the quality and quantity of students feeding into the high school. Administrator Trudeau explained the fiscal implications of each of the 3 options. Option 1, eliminate the high school, would not generate enough funds to pay for the current building. Option 2, status quo, would not generate enough funds for the mortgage, once the existing bubble class burst. Option 3, doubling the middle school classes, would cause budgeting constraints for the next 2 or 3 years, and then begin to build a reserve. Administrator Trudeau commented that the actual cost of the building would vary due to interest rates on bonds. Director Zito asked if, when the agreement was made with Ryan Van Alfen, the budget projection included the current shortfall. Administrator Trudeau said that the projection was made on the numbers from Liberty Charter School and the price of real estate at the time. Chairman Barrus reported that she had contacted Paul Powell to help with the financial details of building acquisition and expansion. Mr. Powell is a member of the Idaho Charter School Commission and very familiar with charter school financing. Chairman Barrus asked Administrator Trudeau if the estimated costs of remodeling included the cost of a roof and furnace and a traffic study. Administrator Trudeau replied that the roof and traffic study were included, but the furnace was not. Director Zito asked what would happen if the remodeling cost estimates were low. Administrator Trudeau stated that priorities would be established. She also pointed out that there were a few possibilities for raising revenue that have not been explored. For instance, renting the gymnasium or auditorium to various groups could increase revenue. Chairman Barrus asked Mr. Jacob, Mr. Stadlander, and Mrs. Luke if they would like to add any comments. They did not.

3. New Business

- a. **Board Member Appointment:** Chairman Barrus stated that Neil Christensen had submitted a letter of resignation to the board. Mr. Christensen had held position 5, which term ends in July 2009. Chairman Barrus said that the board was under no obligation to replace Director Christensen at this time because the bylaws state that there will be between 5 and 7 directors on the board. Director Dison recommended that a replacement be found quickly so that quorum and voting issues do not arise.

Chairman Barrus noted the lateness of the hour and stated that the executive session would be called for just before adjournment so that people in the audience would not have to wait for the remainder of the meeting. She noted that the board would reconvene just to adjourn.

#### 4. Reports

- a. **Administrator's Report:** Administrator Trudeau reported that a snow day was called on January 9, 2008. The Winter IRI is in progress, as are staff evaluations.
  - b. **High School Administrator's Report:** John Fearey reported that the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester is near. He introduced the president and vice-president of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, Taylor and Miranda, respectively.
  - c. **Community Relations Report:** Chris Jensen reported that Harbor Training and school tours have been scheduled. She suggested that a marketing plan be created for advertising CPCS and noted that marketing would require a budget.
  - d. **PFA Report:** Katherine Moore reported that the PFA had found liaisons at each grade level. A committee to review PFA bylaws had been formed and an Art Coordinator was in place. Chairman Barrus inquired about the proceeds from the auction. Ms. Moore reported that the proceeds totaled approximately \$1820. Director Barrus also suggested that the PFA search for a 5<sup>th</sup> person to serve on the bylaws committee, in order to have an odd number.
5. **Consent Agenda:** Chairman Barrus asked if board members had had opportunity to review the consent agenda, which contained a check register (12/1/2007-12/31/2007) showing expenses of \$101419.34, a budget report from December 2007, an activities account report, a Local Government Investment Pool account report showing a balance of \$657,609.32. Director Zito *moved that the consent agenda be approved.* Director Simmons seconded the motion, which passed with a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposing.
  6. **Call for Executive Session:** Chairman Barrus asked if there was a motion to move into executive session. Director Simmons *moved that the board move into executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345 (l) b. to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student, and c: to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency.* Director Adolf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Members voting in favor of the motion were Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Zito and Director Adolf. There were no opposing votes.
  7. **Reconvene Public Session:** At 8:40 PM, Chairman Barrus reconvened the public session.
  8. **Adjournment:** At 8:41 PM, Director Dison moved for adjournment by unanimous consent. Chairman Barrus declared the meeting adjourned without objection.

#### Executive Session

Following a roll call vote in public session, the board held an executive session pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2345 (l) b. to consider the evaluation, dismissal, or disciplining of, or hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent, or public school student, and c. to conduct deliberations concerning labor negotiations or to acquire an interest in real property, which is not owned by a public agency.

At 8:00 PM, Chairman Barrus called the executive session to order. Members present were, Chairman Barrus, Director Dison, Director Simmons, Director Zito and Director Adolf.

The board discussed details relating to the evaluation of a public officer and the acquisition of real property.

At 8:40 PM, Director Dison moved that the executive session be adjourned by unanimous consent. Chairman Barrus declared the executive adjourned without objection.

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Chairperson

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Secretary

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Date Approved