



## **Special Board Meeting Minutes**

**August 28, 2023**

**5:00 PM**

*The mission of Rocky Mount Prep is to educate, equip and empower each scholar to excel academically by providing equitable learning opportunities and collaborating with families and communities.*

### **Attendance:**

Board Members Present (virtually): Keen Gravely, Jean Kitchin, Taneka Bryant

Staff (virtually): Dr. Heather Collins, Casey Moore, Shamika Gardner

1. Keen Gravely, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:24 PM. The meeting met quorum. The next meeting was scheduled for the 2nd Monday in September.

- A. Approval to pay Charter Success Partners \$25,000 for assistance with an answer to NCDPI in reference to Esser Funds. Motion to approve Jean Kitchin, Second by Tanika Bryant voted unanimously. Expenditure is approved by the board.
- B. Tanika Bryant moved and Jean Kitchin moved to pay Charter Success Partners \$25000 to verify Esser Funds. It was voted unanimously.
- C. Tanika Bryant gave insight as to how school is going stating that her daughter is very excited to start school. Dr. Collins gave insight as to what is happening around the campus. Stating that we needed to get the enrollment numbers back up. They are currently at 942 but we are settling powerschool attendance issues to make sure that we are accounting for everyone. We still have no shows that have not shown up yet and we are currently working to get them to come to campus. We will reopen lotteries on Wednesday to fill the vacant seats. We are taking time to make sure that we are getting the grade levels correct before we start to accept new students.
- D. Approval concerning prayer. It states that any group of individuals that are self organized and want to gather to pray would not be prohibited to pray by the school. Same has to be signed by the board. The board supports the assurance. Jean moved to accept and Tanika second the motion and it was approved by unanimous vote.
- E. Discussion around masks being worn at the school. Mr. Gravely stated that we will keep up with CDC Guidelines as rules change. Mr. Gravely states that mask policy has not changed, mask wearing is voluntary but will be discussed further before making changes.
- F. Town Hall meeting Wednesday 5:30 pm - 7 pm with parents and scholars and the board is invited to attend.
- G. We will go to NCDPI September 12, 2023 9:45am in reference to SIP (which only needs board

training dates from Dr. Cooper). SIP will be ready Thursday and will be submitted on 9/5 for review.

2. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:46 pm. Motioned by Jean Kitchin and seconded by Tanika Bryant