

Burns Science and Technology Charter School

160 Ridge Rd
Oak Hill, FL 32759

"Creating the Future"



Burns Sci-Tech School Board Meeting – March 6, 2012

Next Meeting – March 27, Tuesday – 6:30

Members present: Mr. Bittle, Mr. Darden, Mr. Mariande, Mr. Clinton, Mr. Eader, Dr. Doherty, Dr. Fischer-Carne, Ms. Moyle, Ms. Blankenship

Members absent: 0

Presenters: Mr. Kelly – Board Insurance and Liability; Dr. McGee - Executive Summary; Ms. Greatrex – OHCT; Teacher – Mr. Daniels.

Action Item(s): Motion to grant permission to Dr. McGee to authorize the person wishing to bid on moving the building from the Cape and setting it up on BST campus, to go the Cape and assess all moving and setup costs and bring costs before the Board for further approval. This motion is amended to be conditional upon receiving advice from the Board attorney advising that technical and legal requirements of this meeting were met. Mr. Darden will meet with attorney and report findings to Board. **Motion Carried**

Discussion: Mr. Kelly spoke as an expert in the field of insurance and board liability. The Board now has insurance coverage of 3,000,000. The question was asked what would happen if the board could not pay bills or loans. Mr. Kelly said that is a legal issue, but spoke of professional liability insurance as an important question to ask of those with whom we do business.

Mrs. Moyle spoke of the Board supporting the administration, teachers, and students per the school's mission and not to lose sight as we go through the numbers of this awesome school that won the Cool School of the Week award.

Dr. McGee presented an executive summary to support the estimate of 120k to move and setup the new building (worth approx. 750k). A copy of the 4 page summary was given to each Board member and a detailed explanation was provided. Cost comparisons between the new building and renting portables were made understandable. Projected numbers of students and increased septic was discussed with additional space regardless of portables or building. Increased student population brings increased FTE monies. Questions were fielded by Dr. McGee and answered to the satisfaction of the Board who asked what her goal was for this meeting and she then asked if the Board was interested in moving forward before she wasted her time and the time of others trying to help get the new building here. Her intent was to provide the Board with the information they needed to make that decision, with the understanding of potential bumps in the road as brought out by the Board.

Ms. Greatrex as President of the OHCT Board of Directors provided an overview of the OHCT and its history. She said that OHCT was unified and wanted to support the school as its main objective. Figures heard previously were not correct and OHCT wanted to assure the Board of its intentions to award a donation of 50k to Burns Sci-Tech to be used for a new septic system and as a down payment for moving/setting up building. Mr. Daniels provided a teacher's perspective on what having the new building means for students and teachers. Computer labs and research areas for things like Ham radio study and building eco-systems to study plant life, and room to grow are all important reasons why this building is needed. As a former business owner Mr. Daniels understands the decisions before the Board. He also said that research shows that good schools draw people to areas and will even pay higher taxes for an area where there is a good school.

Much discussion between Board members about Roberts Rules, meeting notice, agenda notices and whether we have been following our By-Laws correctly. It was decided that a committee should be formed to put together the most recent By-Laws, policy for posting meetings and agenda and present it to the Board for all to understand. This committee consists of Ms. Blankenship, Mr. Mariande, and Dr. Doherty.