

The Elmwood Village Charter School

Board of Trustees Meeting
Saturday, August 16, 2008 - 1:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Liz Evans, Kelli Simpson, Marguerite Battaglia-Evans, Shirley Courton, Pam Pollock

Trustees Absent: Kathy Franklin-Adams, David Rodriguez, Mimi Barnes-Coppola, Regan Ihde

Others Present: John Sheffield (Director), Paul Souter, Catherine Herrick (Board Candidates)

Liz Evans called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

1. **Motion to approve the agenda for the meeting was made by Marguerite, seconded by Shirley. Approved.**
2. **Motion to approve the minutes from Wednesday, July 16, was made by Marguerite, seconded by Kelli. Approved.**
3. Board Member update
 - Language in last month's "conditional" action by the Board to approve Paul Souter as a board member was deemed unclear. Albany has asked us to clarify the language before they will formally approve his selection.
 - a. Paul Souter, elected by EVCS Parent Association, was reviewed. **Motion was made by Pam and seconded by Kelli to appoint Paul Souter to the Board of Trustees. Passed.**
 - b. Catherine Herrick was introduced by Marguerite. Her credentials were reviewed. **Motion was made by Marguerite and seconded by Liz to appoint Catherine Herrick to the Board of trustees. Passed.**
4. Treasurer's report
 - Treasurer's report was deferred until the September meeting.
5. Director's summary of activities
 - a. John reported that some of the grant money has been used to upgrade security. Motion sensors have been purchased as have automatic fire doors. A professional inventory company has catalogued all items in the school including the serial number. John will add the funding source to this record.
 - b. There have been several personnel changes. Ebony McMillan has moved from 2nd grade assistant to kindergarten assistant. Shawn Nicole Warnes has been hired as the new 2nd grade assistant. There are several strong candidates for both the position of Spanish teacher and the position of ½ time special education teacher. He is still seeking a person to fill the position of special education aide.
 - c. John announced that EVCS was awarded a New York State Arts Grant in the amount of \$11,000. This is to cover a 5 year project in conjunction with Folkloric Productions and will involve an extra half-day in class with art, dance and music.
6. Old business.
 - There was no old business to be discussed.

7. New business.

a. There was a brief discussion of Brian Carpenter's Board Training which preceded this meeting. It was felt that further discussion of what we might take from this presentation might be appropriate for our next meeting.

b. Jill Shahan from the New York State Charter Schools Association will review the EVCS Charter and highlight important points on Thursday, August 21, at 9:00 a.m. This is in preparation for the school's three-year evaluation. **Board Members are encouraged to be present.**

c. John suggested that Board Members might be interested in reading a book called Balanced Leadership by McCrell.

d. Some Board Member options for fund raising were discussed. Members were invited

to attend the meeting of the Fund Raising Committee on September 4. Our major event, "An Evening In the Atrium" is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2008.

A motion to adjourn was made by Kelli and seconded by Pam. Passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Pollock