

THE CHARTER INSTITUTE AT ERSKINE, INC.
BOARD MEETING
February 09, 2018

The board meeting of the Charter Institute at Erskine was held in the Chesnut Room on the Erskine College campus at 2:00 p.m. President Rob Gustafson called the meeting to order. The following board members were present: Dr. John Basie, Mrs. Marjorie (Beth) Gustafson and Dr. Gustafson. Mr. Stu Rodman and Mr. Martin O'Connor attended via phone. Mr. Cameron Runyan, Chief Executive Officer of the Erskine Charter Institute, Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati, Director of the Erskine Charter Institute, and Mr. James Gaylean also attended the meeting. A quorum was declared.

Dr. Gustafson opened in prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion was adopted to approve the agenda.

Motion was adopted to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2018 meeting.

Motion was adopted to approve moving into Executive Session.

The meeting reconvened in the Chesnut Room.

Action Item

Motion was adopted to accept the request to accept the written request from the Cane Bay Preparatory Academy board for the name change from Cane Bay Preparatory Academy to Berkeley Preparatory Academy and change the opening date from August 2018 to August 2019. Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion. Mr. Rodman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

New School Presentations

The Montessori School of Camden: Mr. Eric Faz, Chairman of the Montessori School of Camden and Dr. John Moncure, Principal for the current along with the other planning committee board shared a PowerPoint presentation to the board. A written staff recommendation was provided by Mr. Vamshi Rudrapati reported that Dr. Wayne Brazell and Dr. Ed Taylor has recommend approving the charter application. The staff also recommend approving the charter.

Motion was adopted to follow the recommendation of the staff and approve the application of the Montessori School of Camden. A photograph was made with the school's representatives and the Board. Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion. Mrs. Gustafson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Midlands STEM Institute, South Carolina Virtual School, Odyssey Online Learning and Cyber Academy of South Carolina.

Upon request by the Dr. Gustafson to provide input, Mr. James Gaylean shared to the board that on February 08, 2018 board meeting, the State Charter School board voted down the transfer settlement agreement that was developed by both State Charter School District and Erskine. However, the State Charter School District legal counsel instructed that the four schools will terminate their contract with the State Charter School District in the next couple of days. The district has agreed not to contest that

termination. The legal counsel for the State Charter School District advised the Institute to grant a new charter contract to the four schools. The contract with the State Charter School District will be terminated for the four schools on June 30, 2018. The charter contract with the Institute will be effective from July 01, 2018 if the board approves the charter. The schools will carry their accountability status even under the new charter contract with Erskine Institute. The Institute will conduct an external review of the school's performance after June 01, 2018 and a corrective action plan will be developed for the next two years.

Motion was adopted to grant new charter contract to South Carolina Virtual School, Odyssey Online Learning and Cyber Academy of South Carolina. Mr. Rodman moved to approve the motion. Mrs. Gustafson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Updates on Charter Institute: Cameron Runyan, the Chief Executive Director provided updates on Virtus Academy of South Carolina, charter application received on February 01, 2018, office space search, Institute staffing updates and potential training for charter applicants.

There were no public comments.

Motion was adopted to adjourn. Dr. Basie moved to approve the motion. Mrs. Gustafson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.