

**Southern Avenue Charter School
Of Academic Excellence & Creative Arts**

May 14, 2024

Board of Directors' Meeting

4:30-5:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I Opening.....Director Greg Bethel**
- II Minutes from Last Meeting.....Ms. Lois Madison**
- III State of the School.....Interim Principal Teena Smith**
- IV Reading and Approval of Minutes Last Meeting.....Mrs. Madison**
- V Old Business**
 - Charity Golf Tournament.....Director Bethel**

The Links at Pinehill,930 E. Mallory, Saturday, June 8, 2024

Committee Reports:

Food, Drinks, etc.

Security

Registration Table

Wrist Bands

Cart Registration w/Teams

Financial Resources Possibilities: Gym, Church Sanctuary for Weddings, Community Meetings, 3/2 Home for Lease

Tour Date of 3232 Covington Pike Facility _____?

Asking price of \$3.25M we will offer \$3M and hire an

Architect and Contractor to make necessary improvements

If you approve this proposal I am asking you to visit this site and allow me to move forward with a 60-90 day refundable deposit contract to begin the process of buying the property for occupancy for the 2025-26 School Year.

I would like to establish a Board Committee to represent the Board and keep the Board aware of everything.

Discussion, Motion, Vote

V Additional New Business

Interviews for Permanent Principal and Assistant Principal

Dates: _____

VI Closure / Next Meeting Date and Time.....Director Bethel

Tentative: Tuesday, August 13, 2024, Reynolds Library

Or Tuesday, August 20, 2024, Reynolds Library



Southern Avenue CHARTER SCHOOL

Southern Avenue Charter Elementary School

May 14, 2024

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Process: The end of year Board of Directors meeting for the school year 2023/2024 for Southern Ave Charter Elementary School began @ 4:39pm in the Reynolds-Hyde Library at the school @2185 Democrat Road Memphis, TN 38134 as posted on Website.

Directors Present: Judge Walter Evans , Carolyn Willett , Greg Bethel (Chairman), Stephanie Walker, Tanio Incio, Katheryn Smith, Ms. Gwendolyn Boykins, Tyrus Perry, Dell Steiner, Anthony Amos, Elise Evans, Director of Schools, M. Parker, Assistance Principal, Sidney White (guest).

Call To order:

The meeting was called to order by Director Carolyn Willett who stated we would follow the agenda as written, she then asks for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Ms. Madison, read the minutes which were approved without corrections with after the proper motions were presented and approved.

State of the School: The Assistance Principal Ms. M. Parker stated all TNReady test were completed in a timely manner with by our scholars. She stated that the school is now waiting on scores from the state testing department. She stated the State Department of Education has given the schools all a quick date of turnaround. Although the test scores have not been received, each school is required to start retesting all 3rd and 4th graders that are not approaching grade level. Miss. Parker, stated the retake dates set by the state are May 22, 2024 for Kk-5. However this may change.

Old Business:

Golf Tournament Update: Dir. Of Schools Elise Evans, stated that she now has the contract for the newly renovated Links at PineHill Golf Course for our fundraiser. The fundraiser is scheduled

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for Saturday June 8, 2024, 8:00 a.m.; cost \$125.00. Chairman Bethel asked a roll call report from each committee:

General Golf Chair: Greg Bethel

General Golf Co-Chair: Directors S. Burton and T. Perry

Community Activist: Director Carolyn Willett

Food Chair: Director T. Incio and E. Evans

Marketing/Ad: R. Oatis, SACS IT Media Specialist & Dir. A. Morris

Finance Committee Chair: Director Walker.....reported that the COO Mrs. D. Dill keeps her abreast incoming monies, gifts, pledges and in-kind contributions.

Baskets: Committee Chairs: Directors T. Incio and K. Smith....reported they are collecting items for the gift bags. They stated they are still in need of quite a few items. Both chairs agreed they are attempting to involve the staff as much as possible.

Awards & Trophy Committee:.....Stan Burton, C. Willett, and E. Evans, stated they are finalized their packages for the fundraiser. 100.00 each 1st place golfer and possibly a trophy.

Funds and Pledges:.....Sidney White a friend of the Board, presented a list of business and people that have somewhat committee to participate via funds or in-kind gifts.

Chairman Director Bethel.....stated he has created a spreadsheet with items he has collected as of today.

A motion to approve the committee reports was made by Judge Evans, and second by A. Amos. The report was approved with no nay.

Director of Schools Report:

Mrs. Evans, Superintendent of Schools stated that schools has 2 only 2 payments left to completion of our Empower commitment.

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Mrs. Evans stated Mrs. C. Hubbard, the school account continues to audit and manage our accounts. Mrs. Evans reported that the Auditor Luther Speight, was able to give a clean audit this year, and it was done on time.

Physical State of the School:

Superintendent Evans presents a physical report on the state of the school. She informed the board of the change in policy with the company we are renting from, since the owners changed. She stated the school is responsible all outside repairs. She informed them of the sewage backup, mold, rain problems and loose bricks on the walkway.

Mrs. Evans stated she ask the board of directors to ask anyone they know with a vacant church building, school building or decent building that would not required much renovation.

Scholars Excessive Tardiness and Absenteeism:

Mrs. Evans stated that the school need to create a policy that would allow the school to send children back to their home school for excessive tardiness and absenteeism. The board of directors asks if the school could wait and start the process next school year. The consensus was this will give them more time to work on a policy. Dir. S. Burton, T. Perry, and Boykin have stated they would work on this committee.

Dir. S. Burton, stated that Active Shooter Standard Operation that the school should refer to for safety. Dir. Greg Bethel, stated he would check with Memphis Police.

Mrs. Evans, stated that the board is still seeking new board members, and that any recommendations are welcomed. She stated two names has been offered 1. Sidney White 2. Mark Allen.

She stated the school is recommending that our 5th grade teacher become a parent reprehensive for the school.

Director Bethel ask for a motion to approve the Directors' report, Judge Walter Evans made a motion to approve the report, it was second by Director A. Amos the motion. The motion was approved by all.

Executive Director Mrs. Evans asked the board of director would take a few minutes to vote on new officers for the board. She presented ballots for with all the board members names. The completed election ballots were given to Ms. Madison to count. The ballots showed, the board member re-elected officers as followed. Gregory Bethel –Chair, Stan Burton-Co-Chair, Stephanie Walker-Treasurer, Carolyn Willett-Secretary. Mrs. Evans, thanked board of directors for their time and service to Southern Ave

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Charter Elementary School. Director Bethel asked for a motion that the E. Directors report be accepted, Judge Evans, made the motion, it was 2nd by was made by Stephanie Walker that the Executive Directors report be accepted as given and properly 2nd.

Director Bethel thanked the board for their support and stated he was grateful to be a part of Southern Ave Charter School, and that we will have a great tournament this year. He stated with that the meeting is adjourned until August 20, 2024.

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