

Edge for Educational Excellence, Inc.
Board Meeting
January 3, 2019 @ 4:00 PM
Location: EDGE High School
200 South 7th Street
Palatka FL 32177

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Freeman at 4:32 pm.
- II. Attendance: Pat Freeman, Debbie Hess and Shirley Eubanks. Julie Pinner was out of town and unable to attend. With 3 of 4 members in attendance, a quorum was present. Also in attendance was Randy Starling, Interim Principal.
- III. Public Comments:
 - a. None stated

New Business:

A. Discussion/Action to authorize Ms. Freeman to apply for credit with Compass Bank on behalf of Edge.

With delays on completion of the USDA backed loan due to the holidays and government shutdown, a loan is need to finalize payments to contractors for work completed. Compass Bank is willing to extend credit to Edge to accomplish this but needs a designee to sign on behalf of the organization. Ms. Eubanks made the motion to apply for credit with Compass Bank and designate Ms. Freeman to provide information needed for the loan application and sign documents on behalf of Edge. Ms. Hess seconded the motion. All members voted "Yes" to approve the motion.

B. Discussion/Action for teachers to teach out of field for 2018-2019.

Mr. Starling opened the discussion with a review of Florida requirements for notification to parents when a course is being taught by teacher who is not certified or licensed to teach a particular subject area. Board action must be taken for each teacher who is teaching out of the field. The following action was taken by the board:

Approve Sandra McCumbers to teach English 9-12 out of field for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approve Miles Madison to teach English 9-12 out of field for the 2018-2019 school year.

Approve William Davis to teach Math 9-12 out of field for the 2018-2019 school year.

A motion was made by Ms. Hess to approve all three teachers to teach the subject matter listed out of of field for the 2018-2019 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Eubanks. All voted "Yes" and motion carried.

C. Discussion/Action related to November 2018 Financials

Following general comments, Ms. Hess made a motion to accept the financials as presented. The Motion was seconded by Ms. Eubanks. All voted "Yes" to accept the November financial report. Ms. Freeman noted that the financials were sent to PCSD by the 20th of December.

Updates:

A. Search for New Principal

Ms. Freeman commented that around 25 applications were received for the Principal position. Only Florida Candidates who met the criteria for education and experience as a Principal were selected for interviews at this time. Four candidates have been interviewed over the past two weeks with one more scheduled on Friday. Ms. Freeman asked to set a tentative date for next week for the Board to meet and interview at least two finalist to consider a recommendation for hire. All agreed on Wednesday January 9th starting at 4pm.

B. Enrollment

Mr. Starling reported that current enrollment is at 94. Teachers have been advised that class schedules will be changed with the second semester by combining classes that only have a few students.

C. Agreement with Apex Learning

Mr. Starling and Ms. Freeman reported that an agreement with Apex Learning has been executed for the remainder of the school year. Board action is not needed since the funds for a learning system was already included in the budget. All three board members expressed support for the Apex. Teachers will start training on Monday Jan 7th. This will be a pilot program and give everyone time to use and evaluate the program. A decision will be made whether to continue with Apex in the budget for 2019-2020.

D. Status of USDA Loan

The architect has completed the report requested by the USDA regarding compliance and/or plans to ensure Compliance with ADA requirements. The also requested a complete set of drawings for both floors. That was sent to Steve Small, our consultant on January 2nd.

E. National School Choice Week /Martin Luther King Day

Mr. Starling reported that the Palatka MLK Committee has asked to use our parking lot for staging for the parade scheduled January 20, which is also a school holiday. They have offered PEHS table space at the Riverfront to promote the school by students and staff. It would also be a good opportunity to host an open house from 3-5 after the riverfront activities are over. The week of the 20th is also National School Choice Week and an evening open house should be considered. Ms. Freeman has ordered a kit that has banners, scarfs for students who conduct tours and other material to use and will submit to the PDN to advertise the open house events. Will plan light refreshments. A Proclamation from Crescent City will be received on January 10th and will see if we can get one from the City of Palatka as well.

The regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday January 24th at 4pm. Will likely have the Open House at 5pm

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:21pm. (1st Ms. Eubanks, 2nd by Ms. Hess) All voted "Yes"

Patricia Freeman

Minutes Recorded By: Pat Freeman, President

