

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Dave Wyatt

- Dave Wyatt opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Tracy Coston

- Board members present were and Larry Hewett; Sheila Boles, Owen Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present via telephone. Sandra Robinson was absent from meeting. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gary Faircloth.

Approval of Board Minutes..... Dave Wyatt

- Owen Robinson made a motion to approve November minutes and following a second from Larry Hewett, motion was approved.

Flemington Academy Updates.....Tom Simmons

- Status of Lang Building
 - Tom and Gary will be meeting with architects tomorrow and hopefully within the next 45 days we can start construction. A lead gift came in for the project and the building will be named, the Anthony J Brill Middle School. Mr. Brill passed away a couple years ago and the trust has made provisions for scholarships for the students at Flemington Academy for up to 40 years. A commitment was made of \$120,000.00 towards the renovations. Hopefully by August of 2015 we will have that building open.
- Student population
 - ADM for first 20 days was 79 instead of 72. We have gone as high as 80 but are currently at 72. Based on our ADM for this year we could

increase as high as 95. However, we will always reserve our first 50 seats to residents of BGH.

- **School Chorus**
 - Our chorus is up, running and performing. On the 31st of this month they will be going to Chapel Hill to perform at a convention. They have performed in two community venues thus far.
- **Art Dept.**
 - We have had some tremendous progress this year. A group, under the direction of Ms. Donna Melvin our art teacher, performed today for the State of the Homes meeting and it was outstanding.
- **Basketball**
 - We have had only one loss with our boy's team. The girls haven't won a game yet, but they are making progress. We are proud of how they are representing FA with good sportsmanship and attitude.
- **Ipads for the Classrooms**
 - Mr. Faircloth wrote and received a grant from St. James Women's Club. There were 12 ipads purchased, one for each classroom.
- **Flag Poles**
 - They were donated and have been installed.
 - The three flags that will be displayed are as follows:
 - A US flag that was flown over the Capital building in Washington
 - A NC flag
 - The students will help design a school flag for Flemington Academy.
 - Some of our students will be trained to properly raise and lower the flags each day. It looks very nice and is a great way to greet the public.
- **Year Round Schedule**
 - Ms. Gwen will send a copy of a sample year round schedule for the board to take a look at. At the Feb. meeting it can be discussed further.
- **Testing Report Card**
 - Testing schedule
 - Tracy will send the media session webinar to the board members – Jan. 21st (Session has currently not been posted as of Jan. 20th. There was a delay in the release, which will cause a back up of all scheduled release of information to public.)
- **Approval – decision**
 - Weather for tomorrow is forecasted to have sleet or freezing rain. Rather than have kids here for two hours, as it is already a half day, there will be no school tomorrow.
- **Charter school conference – March 5-6 – Asking permission from board for Staff to attend.**
 - Motion was made by Owen Robinson, and followed by a second from Sheila Boles and motion carried.
- **Social Studies position**
 - Mr. Rosati, who stepped into the Social Studies position, will be moving to PA to pastor a church. Tom is seeking permission to hire a teacher at beginning teacher rate. We have interviewed a couple folks but we would like to have someone in place on the 26th when the new semester starts.
 - Motion made to replace HS SS teacher for the remainder of the school

year – by Sheila Boles and followed by a second from Owen Robinson.

- o Discussion
 - Tom mentioned that if that person works well, they may be able to move down to middle school next year as an additional position will be needed with the numbers there for the 2015-2016 school year.
 - Sheila asked about the state insurance situation with retired teachers and Tom mentioned that it does not apply to us because we are not in the state retirement system.
- o Motion carried.

- Old Business
 - o New Board Member to replace Helen Locklear – Sheila Boles mentioned that she could have at least one possible candidate that is very interested. The gentleman is from Shallotte and has been a superintendent in another area and is currently working at UNCW. She will be in contact about the possibility of him coming for a visit.

New Business.....Dave Wyatt

- Sheila Boles mentioned two professors at UNCW that are interested in becoming involved in Flemington Academy; both are in the education department. Tom mentioned that he is already having conversations with UNCW about getting some student teachers. Sheila noted that she will be in contact and help to get a visit scheduled.

ADJOURN..... Dave Wyatt

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheila Boles following a second by Larry Hewett. Motion carried. The next board meeting is scheduled for Feb. 10th.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Tracy Coston

- Board members present were and Larry Hewett and Sandra Robinson; Owen Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present via telephone. Sheila Boles was absent from meeting. Staff members present were Tom Simmons and Tracy Coston.

Approval of Board Minutes.....Owen Robinson

- Due to the internet being down, approval of minutes will be delayed until next board meeting.

Flemington Academy Updates.....Tom Simmons

- Staff turn-over
 - We are losing our PE, CJ Quick, teacher to New Hanover County. He will be going to work in the same school as his brother. We are working on a replacement and although we may need to put a sub in short term, we have several good prospects. Tom Simmons asked for permission from the board to make a recommendation for this position prior to the next board meeting with the understanding that the board will be forwarded information on the candidate.
- Social Studies Position
 - Dr. Jim Brooks, a retired SS teacher from Whiteville City Schools, has taken over the position and is doing well. He has been here for two weeks now and we are pleased with what we have seen thus far.
- Lang Building Renovations

- Tom and Gary met with the architects and the originally proposed estimate has increased to \$500,000-\$700,000. Tom met with Baker Mitchell, who allowed us to look at blueprints on some buildings that are currently under construction at RBA. The proposal is for a construction that will include 6 rooms and will sit adjacent to the Lang building. The plans will be sent out in email or in the mail so that the board members can take a look at the new proposal. The property where the building is housed will remain in the name of Boys and Girls Homes as a safeguard.
- DPI Report Card
 - Our School Performance grade is an F, although this doesn't tell the story of the growth that is happening at Flemington Academy. The state is looking at us differently due to the fact that we are a child-care facility and a public school. We are not where we want to be but we are pleased with the growth that we are seeing over time with our students and with our teachers.
 - Larry Hewett referenced the article with respect to school performance being relative to socioeconomics of the area that they serve.
 - Tom noted that for the most part, our students will always be behind, playing catch-up, but we have students that are beginning to believe in themselves and make progress.
 - Tom mentioned that there are folks within DPI and the state department that recognize our situation with our students and are supportive of what we are doing.
- Year Round Schedule
 - We are still in the discussion stages of this, but there would be certain times during the school year where middle and high would not be in session at the same time. Tom plans to send some surveys to parents and get the opinion of the board. However, it is too early to make a decision right now. We will never be able to go to a year round schedule for high school because those students have to be able to work during the summer.
- Homecoming Report
 - The students responded very well to the activities that went on throughout the week. The game that night was won in the last quarter.
 - We actually had a tie for the homecoming queen and instead of having the students vote again, we elected to have two queens that would share the title. We had one king and he was thrilled to have two queens. There was a dance held afterwards and the students behaved well.
- School Sign
 - Approval has been received from the city. The cement has been poured and hopefully will be erected before the next board meeting. BGH has paid for the sign and it will be a benefit for the school, BGH, and the community when they have events as well.
- Graduation
 - We have nine seniors this year. Three of those came to us with no hope of graduating. One young man came as a 19 year old. We are looking forward to the graduation for this year on June 16th in the gym at 6:00pm.

Old Business.....Owen Robinson

- There was no old business to report.

New Business.....Owen Robinson

- The state has approved two virtual charter schools for a 4-yr. program. These virtual charter schools will open and the students will do everything online. Tom Simmons mentioned that it could be a scary thing because they will not have to hire certified teachers, but rather coaches and may very well open up doors for unqualified folks to claim money that is currently going to fully operational schools.
- There are several bills that are coming up, one of which is regarding the contract for Drivers Education. Our students are currently able to take the class for \$20.00 but in the future it is estimated to cost around \$300.00.
- FA is looking forward to the Charter School Conference in March. Tom Simmons has been asked to serve on a panel about charter schools this year.

Board Action

- Personnel Recommendation
 - Wallace Scott is currently a Residential Counselor at Solomon Center and he has been recommended to move into the Student Support Coordinator role which is the position that Rick Rosatti was in originally. This is a position that is funded through BGH.
 - Motion was made Dave Wyatt to recommend Mr. Scott and was seconded by Larry Hewett. Motion was approved.
 - Tom Simmons asked for permission to hire a PE teacher prior to the next board meeting.
 - Motion was made to approve for the hiring of a PE teacher to replace CJ Quick by Larry Hewett and was seconded by Sandra Robinson. Motion was approved.
- Long Term Suspension
 - A student was suspended for 10 days and Tom is seeking approval for a long term recommendation. A female community student was in an argument one afternoon which continued throughout the evening through texting. The following morning, the student in question got in the van and when they reached the other student's house, she got out of the van and threw a cup of Clorox in the other female student's face. The female student was charged and was later taken into custody because she would not refrain from harassing the other student at her residence. Unfortunately, while this was a child that had made tremendous progress academically and behaviorally, this type of behavior cannot be tolerated for the safety of our other students. Tom has the support of the parents for both of the students in his actions that were taken.
 - Motion for long-term suspension was made by Larry Hewett and seconded by Dave Wyatt. Motion was approved.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- The next board meeting is scheduled for March 10th.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Board members present were Larry Hewett. Owen Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present via telephone. Sandra Robinson and Sheila Boles were absent from meeting. Staff members present were Gary Faircloth, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones.

Approval of Board Minutes..... Dave Wyatt

- Dave Wyatt made a motion to approve Jan/Feb minutes and there was a second from Larry Hewett, the motion was approved.

Flemington Academy Updates.....Tracy Coston

- **Census (Residence/ Community)**
Flemington presently has 79 students with 47 being residents and 32 Community residents. There have been several requests from parents at SEGS to enroll their students in our school, they are mostly current 5th graders, so we may need to do a lottery for the 6th graders. We can expect more inquires because they have stopped paying their teachers and many have left, causing parents to be concerned. The newspaper reports that the school is scheduled to close at the end of the school year.
- **New Hires**
Donald Bohannon has been hired for Physical Education/ Health. Coach Bohannon gets along well with the students.
Dr. Jim Brooks has been hired for Civics and History. Dr. Brooks holds

students to a high standard. He is also doing well in the new position.

- **A/B Honor Roll**
We have 4 Middle School and 6 High School students on the A/B honor roll. The standards are higher and some missed out by having an 83/84 average. We will be moving to the 10pt. scale next school year for both middle and high school.
- **Basketball Team Update**
The Boys and the Girls Teams both did well. The Boys won Tournament Champs and the Sportsmanship award. Three boys and two girls made the all tournament team. One boy was MVP overall. The boys also had a great time at the N.C. State game. Dr. Simmons is taking the boys to a Raptors game as a reward and is also planning something for the girls.
- **Charter School Conference**
There were 8 staff members that attended the Charter School Conference. One of the highlights of the conference was the session "Teach Like a Champion." Their teaching was very powerful and we would like them to come to our school and speak to our teachers again.
- **Important Dates to Remember**
April 3rd is Good Friday and there will be no school. April 17th is prom and the theme will be "A Night in Paris" We hope to include the students in setting up for prom. We have plenty of dresses and more have been donated. We are checking on a place in Wilmington that may donate tuxes. April 20-24th is "Spring Break".

Gary Faircloth talked about how Flemington Academy Students became part of the Key Club. Larry and Gary shared that it was an honor for our students and a wonderful experience. They talked about the sponsorship we received from other clubs. They talked about the convention this past weekend and how the keynote speaker was a former resident at BGH. Gary said she did an excellent job and would speak at one of our board meetings soon. Tracy said that Mr. Dimenstein, who is the academic advisor for Flemington Academy, will plan activities for the Key Club such as reading to elementary aged students. There was also discussion about the new middle school. Eventually we will try to send a finished copy of the plans to all of the board members. Gary stated that the Middle School will be on one side of the driveway and the high school on the other side of the drive way.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Owen Robinson following a second by Larry Hewett. Motion carried. The next board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2015.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Tracy Coston

- Board members present were Larry Hewett and Owen Robinson. Dave Wyatt and Sheila Boles were present via telephone. Sandra Robinson was absent from the meeting. Staff member present were Tracy Coston and Gary Faircloth.

Approval of Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson

Flemington Academy Updates.....Tracy Coston

- Building
Tracy presented a picture of the plans for the new building. There will be a ground breaking in 4-6 weeks. The cost will be \$802,000 we have a donor who will give \$450,000. An appeal letter was sent out for \$320,000.
- Key Club
Flemington Academy has 15 Key Club Members. Ania Freeman was elected District Lieutenant Governor. Matthews, South Carolina donated money to fund Ania to Indianapolis.
- Prom
Johnna decorated and Dr. Brooks was the D.J. There were lots of refreshments and it was a very nice event.

- Positive Behavior Intervention Plan
We have a new positive behavior intervention system. Each level allows for more privileges. The levels start with white, green, yellow and gold. Gold is the highest level.
- School Flag
Two students worked on the school flag with a design that included Connection, Compassion and Character.
- Off Campus Trip
Dr. Simmons took the boys basketball team to see the Charlotte Hornets.
- Senior Day
The students went to Senior Day at Southeastern Community College.
- Testing
Testing will begin on June 1
- Open Enrollment
Open enrollment ended Mar 31 and we currently have all 92 slots for next year filled.
- Golf tournament
The Golf tournament has been postponed
- Graduation
Graduation will be held in the gym on June 16th at 6:00p.m. Gary Greene is working on refreshments. Dr. Simmons will talk with someone about being our guest speaker. Board members are asked to contact Gwen if they will be attending.
- First Day of School
August 24th will be the first day of the 2015-16 school year. Tracy is working on a draft calendar to include 185 days.

New Business

- Audit
Tom Huggins and the audit committee recommended that we engage Thompson Price for the upcoming physical year audit at the cost of [REDACTED] which is the same cost as last year.

A motion was made to approve engagement letter and audit contract as recommended by audit committee. Motion was approved.
- New Policies
3 new policies were presented. There was a motion to approve them as presented and they were approved.

Questions and Concerns

- There was a concern that the board replace Helen Locklear. Gary Faircloth agreed that the position needed to be filled. The board members agreed to have some people in thought

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheila Boles following a second by Larry Hewett. Motion carried. The next board meeting is scheduled for July14 and through conference call.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- All board members were present. Dave Wyatt was present by telephone. Staff members present were Gary Faircloth, Tom Huggins, Tom Simmons and Gwen Jones.

Approval of Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson

Budget.....Tom Huggins

- Budget Information
Tom Huggins stated that the Budget had to be in Raleigh by June 24th. The 2015 audit contract was approved by statute 159.

Tom Huggins passed out a detailed budget plan to each person present. The plan was broken down into 5 sections.

1. Letter From Alexis Schauss
Public Schools of NC
2. Flemington Academy Budget
Budget FY 2016
3. Flemington Academy
Budget FY 2016
Board Version
4. ADM enrollment & Funding
5. Actual FY 2015
(11 M/E 5/31/2015)

- Other Budget Information

The 2016 budget is making projections for growth based on the 2014-15 allotments. Arcadia said to watch for a 5% cut from the LEA's. The budget will be modified if there is in fact a cut.

Tom Huggins stated that there is an increase of 8.62% and the balance is being covered by in-kind.

He spoke about the differences for next year and said that there is enough increase to cover the staffing.

He went over the projected budget State and Local and the EC funds available.

The allotments for the various counties were presented.

It was pointed out that Flemington Academy has several students in the sophomore class.

Tom went over the format needed for state purposes. He then went back to tab #3 and talked about the state required format for the DPI worksheet that will be processed once the budget is approved.

Tom Huggins mentioned that he was pleased with the budget saying that this was his best estimate. He also said that Arcadia told him that most schools do not provide them with this much information.

It was mentioned that Flemington Academy is paying our teachers the same for 11 months that other schools are paying for 10 months. That number is [REDACTED]

Tom Huggins also stated that Arcadia North star will not be raising their fees so there will be no cost increase there.

A motion was made to approve the budget. Sheila approved and Larry made a second and the motion was approved.

- Personnel

Donald Bohannon resigned. He is taking a position in Tennessee. The board members talked about interviewing Worley Edwards for the open Physical Education position.

Dr. Jim Brooks will move from High School social studies to middle school Social Studies.

Dr. Simmons requested permission to hire a P.E. teacher, a High School Social Studies teacher and a Middle School Math teacher.

The teacher who taught middle school math did not receive renewal for the 15-16 school year. There were not any students from his class who passed their E.O.G.'s

Dr. Simmons requested permission to hire a P.E. teacher, a High School Social Studies teacher and a Middle School Math teacher. Dr. Simmons said he would like the request granted before the next meeting because the next meeting would be too late for a teacher to start before the next school year.

A motion to approve was made by Larry and a second from Shelia and the request was approved by the board.

- Approval of the 2015-16 Calendar

Dr. Simmons asked the board members to approve the 15-16 calendar. He pointed out that school will start August 17th-21st for half days for testing and placement. A motion was made by Sandra to approve the calendar and a second by Sheila.

Dr. Simmons talked to the staff about a school within a school, which would be splitting the days next year to accommodate all the students. This would be done by having middle school students in the morning and high school students in the afternoon.

Dr. Simmons talked with the board members about having a parent serve on the board and the parent he would like to select is Deanna Yergeau. A motion to approve Mrs. Yergeau was made and Sheila approved, Larry made a second and the motion was approved.

Dr. Simmons talked about reorganizing the board in August, one month before school starts.

A motion was made to cancel the July board meeting by Sheila and Sandra made a second and the board approved for the meeting to be cancelled.

The next board meeting will be August 11, 2015

- Old Business

Mr. Faircloth stated that we will possibly use an excellent engineer from Conway, NC. for the plans for our new middle school. This gentleman has designed much of the Conway facility and it looks like the type of construction that Flemington Academy would like to have. We are waiting on the quotes. Also, some other possibilities are using the dining rooms in the cottages for extra space until construction is complete.

Mr. Faircloth said that we just broke \$100,000 through our letter writing campaign in support of this project and the BGH board approved \$500,000 even though the cost of the project was estimated at \$450,000 range.

- Board Member Questions/Concerns

The Board members asked about the plan to bring up math scores.

Larry stated that success with some of these students is simply that they are in school.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sheila Boles following a second by Larry Hewett. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be August 11, 2015.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Tracy Coston

- Board members present were Larry Hewett and Deana Yergeau. Owen Robinson, Sandra Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present by conference call. Staff members present were Tracy Coston and Tom Simmons.

Approval of Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson

New School Information.....Tom Simmons

- There were 9 Seniors
- Flemington Academy held summer school 2 weeks during the summer for credit recovery
- The projected enrollment for the 15-16 school year is 92 students
- There were 3 new teachers hired this year:
Jan Hardee-Middle School Math
Nick Lewis-Physical Education and Health
Leo Wilson-High School Exceptional Children
- There have been some lateral moves within the existing staff and the school day is from 8:00-2:45 with tutoring from 2:50-3:30.
- The Middle School construction is to begin the middle of September
- There have been cameras installed in the High School and a metal detector wand is being used to step up security
- The first day of school will be August the 24th.
- There was a staff retreat August the 12- 14th. The staff and teachers had a wonderful time visiting the very innovative Crossnor School near Boone, NC. Some of the highlights were the very modern school buildings, the Museum that was complete with several looms and we watched while students made beautiful items of clothing and throws.

The Weaving room in the museum also housed the pottery, leatherworks, jewelry and other beautiful items that the students handmade. At the end of the tour we enjoyed coffee, lunch and sweets in the campus coffee shop and the rest of the afternoon included a climb up the mountain both on foot and in the vans and with our new ideas.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Owen Robinson following a second by Larry Hewett. Motion carried. The next board meeting will be September 8, 2015.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

Sept 8, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Members present were Sheila Boles, Larry Hewett, and Deana Yergeau. Owen Robinson, Sandra Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present by telephone. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones.

Approval of August Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson

Flemington Academy Update.....Tom Simmons

Election of officers:

- Deana Yergeau is filling in for Heather Locklear who resigned earlier in the year.
- The floor opened for a chairman of the board. Sheila asked Owen if he would agree to take the position again. Owen agreed and Dave closed the nomination and Sandra made a second and Owen was elected to a second term as Chair.
- A motion was made to reappoint expiring board members (Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt and Deana Yergeau) for another 2 year term. The motion carried. A motion was made to nominate Dave as vice chair and Larry as treasure. Sheila made a second and the vote carried.

New Middle School:

- Flemington Academy chose a firm in Whiteville as the Architects for the new middle school.

- A notice will go out to all Board Members at least a week in advance so we can alert channel 6 news about the ground breaking?
- We are still 125,000 away from where we would like to be but will go ahead and begin.

Grade Level Breakdown:

- Flemington Academy planned for 92 students and fell eight short after some transferred before the first of the year. We would, however, have more in Middle School if we had more room. We do have a waiting list and will add more students as we have more room.
- We have 11 in 6th grade, 8 in 7th grade, 7 in 8th grade, 20 in 9th grade, 22 in 10th grade, 8 in 11th grade, and 12 in 8th grade. Some of the 11th graders are very close to being seniors and we should have 13 seniors this year.
- Dr. Simmons gave a breakdown of the students and their county and told the board that we have as many community students as residents.

Other Flemington Academy Information:

- There are 4 vans running and we would like buy some used buses because we are borrowing at least one cottage van and it will put the school in a bind if the cottage should ever need their vans at the same time that we are using them.
- Dr. Simmons stated that with growth come issues. At the present time, Flemington Academy is owned and operated by BGH for legal purposes.
- Dr. Simmons addressed the internet concern. Tom Huggins is working on the concern about the school not being consistently online.
- There are a couple of teaching vacancies and they are Middle School Social Studies and Art. Middle School Social Studies is being covered by the music teacher at the present time. Dr. Brooks is teaching 2 High School Math classes and one 6th grade Social Studies. An interview was conducted this week to fill one of the positions if the salary can worked out and there is a possible art teacher who will shadow the present art teacher to see if she will be a fit for our school. Dr. Simmons asked for a motion to hire 2 new teachers. Dave made a motion and Sondra made a second and the motion was carried.
- Dr. Simmons said he had received several phone calls for a parent advisory committee. We will send out letters in the next couple of weeks. A chair will be elected from the parents and Tom and Tracy will be present. This is an important part of our program.

- There are 19 games in the basketball season and we will send a schedule to the board members as soon as possible.
- The admission for the games will be free for anyone who has a Flemington Academy I.D. The Fee for the games will be \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students 5th grade and up.
- Two teachers will work the gate the concession stand at the games. There will also be police protection at every game in compliance with the law.
- We have signed a contract with Herff Jones to do a paperback yearbook this year. The year books will cost \$1100 and will be 65 pages. We intend to pay for the yearbooks by selling ads. We also hope to have the yearbooks ready by the spring dance.
- There are a number of health issues on campus this year. We are aware of the student health problems and have taken the necessary steps to take care of any issues that should arise.
- Land O Lakes is sponsoring a golf tournament for Flemington Academy. The tournament will be held on October the 31st. The cost will be \$50.00 per player and \$200.00 per team. The winners will receive their entry fee back. If there are those who would like to participate and not play, they can get involved by being hole sponsors.
- Flemington Academy is offering Honors Courses and Virtual Public High School this year.
- Dr. Simmons and Mrs. Tracy discussed with the board that the score that the state gives is not as important as the grade proficiency level. Because of the diverse backgrounds of our students it is a significant challenge to keep up with the ratings, however, we feel that we are up to that challenge.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Questions and Concerns from Board Members:

There was a question about us being reimbursed from the state for transportation. Dr. Simmons stated that if we purchase a bus it will be a public school and we will check into reimbursement at that time.

There was a question about the need for textbooks. Dr. Simmons said that he had purchased several books this year and there would now be an emphasis on Math and Science and programming for them.

There was a question about school supply money. Dr. Simmons told the board that the final count day will be on September the 22nd and our school supply money is based on that count.

There was a question about the projected completion day for the new middle school. Dr. Simmons thought that if the weather did not become an issue, the projected completion date would be January the 15th, 2016. There has also been new furniture budgeted to supply the entire middle school.

Sheila made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sandra made a second and the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled Flemington Academy Board meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13th.

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Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Shelia Boles and Larry Hewett were present. Owen Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones.

Approval of September Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson

Flemington Academy Updates:

- The 21st of September was the last day of the head count. The final count was 86.
- Dr. Simmons said he would like to hire a Middle School Social Studies teacher and he has an interview on October the 14th.
- Progress reports went out last week. There was some discussion that the students are very receptive this year and eager to learn.
- Flemington Academy will have a float in the Lake Waccamaw Christmas parade. It will be a fireplace with students singing Christmas carols.
- The Senior Class will do a Senior Project this year. The program we work with will be Heavenly Hats and after we do the fund raiser, 98% will actually go back to buying hats for people who have lost their hair during cancer treatment.

- Ms. Tracy took all seniors to Senior Day at Southeastern Community College.
- Because of bad weather, Dr. Simmons did not attend the Charter School Leadership Conference.
- Flemington Academy would like to have a sex education program come to our school that will teach the students to make right choices. The program lasts 8 weeks and some of our parents have heard the material and would like their students to participate.
- Spanish class will go to a Puerto Rican restaurant where they will learn place their orders in Spanish.
- Senior class rings will be in by Christmas break. For the residents, BGH will pay for the class ring, cap, gown and 10 announcements.
- Dr. Simmons said that he would like the board to be aware of a student that we have that is a diabetic. A few weeks ago her blood sugar spiked and dropped and we called 911. Dr. Simmons and Mrs. Coston made the decision that we would have EMT personal come to Flemington Academy and train the staff in these types of medical situations.
- Plans for the Flemington Academy Golf Tournament are going well.
- The school dance will be combined with the campus activity that will be held in the fellowship hall on October the 29th. This event will also include "Trunk or Treat" and other games and activities.
- Dr. Simmons went over the school performance grades. The state redid the formula on EOGS and EOCS. They were not aware that they put 500 schools in the low performance grades. Dr. Simmons said that we look at the "F" as fantastic. The "F" is not a true sign. There was an example given of a student who missed several years of school. Last year he scored very low in reading and this year he scored a 25. He grew 25 points in one year. We are only 3% away from scoring a "D" and we would be very excited to score a "C".

Old Business:

- Dr. Simmons explained that everything stopped for the building of the middle school because of permits and rain. Initially everything will need to start over due to the weather and there are a few permits that have held up the process of building. It should be able to resume again on Monday the 19th and we hope to be in the new building by Spring Break.

New Business:

- Dr. Simmons asked the board for permission to teach the students TEEN HEALTHY DECISIONS. Shelia asked that we send letters to parents along with the brochure. A motion to approve was made by Larry and a second by Dave and the class was approved.

- There was a motion made to hire a Middle School Social Studies teacher by Dave and Sheila made a second and it was approved.
- Mrs. Coston told the board members about the bake sale that the Key Club will have at the Hills shopping center from 12:30-4:00.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

There were no questions or concerns.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry followed by a second by Shelia. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be November 10, 2015.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2015

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Board members present were Larry Hewett and Deanna Yergeau. Sheila Boles, Owen Robinson, Sandra Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones.

Approval of October Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson

- Owen Robinson made a motion to approve October minutes as submitted and following a second from Larry Hewett, the motion was approved.

Flemington Academy Updates.....Tom Simmons

- Mr. Bradley Armstrong was hired as the New Middle School Social Studies and Science teacher. Mr. Armstrong is certified in several subjects.
- The selling of yearbook ads were a huge success and the yearbooks are already totally paid for.
- The First Annual Flemington Academy Golf Tournament was also very successful with a net of about \$3000. We will use the money for computers and possibly some for the meals for the basketball team away games.
- The senior classes have decided to do some charitable projects this year. Some of the ideas they have are HEAVENLY HATS, FOOD DISTRIBUTION and OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. They packed 23 boxes for the Christmas Child project to be delivered on Monday of this week.

- Veteran's Day is a Holiday in keeping with the Columbus County Schools.
- The Boys finished 2nd in the Basketball Tournament. There is also a new Basketball schedule eliminating 5 games for financial reasons.
- Dr. Simmons will take 7 girls and 7 boys to the N.C. State basketball game. Only higher level students are eligible to attend.
- When the 9 week grading report came out, there were 27 on the A B Honor Roll.
- We finally have all the permits to go ahead with the construction of the new middle school. We are waiting on the ground to dry out and hope to be in the building by April 1. The cost is \$492,000 and we have \$430,000 raised. It is our desire that donations will pay the entire amount.

Old Business.....Owen Robinson

- Teen Healthy Decisions program will start second semester.
- We are required to have 2 epi pens and 2 trained to use the pens. We have 2 epi pens and 3 trained. The pens are expensive and we were able to receive our pens free.

New Business.....Tom Simmons

- Dr. Simmons asked the board to cancel the December board meeting unless there is an emergency, the board will not meet. A motion was made by Dave and a second by Sandra and the board approved to cancel the December meeting.
- There was some discussion about having bi-monthly board meetings and the board agreed to discuss the matter more in January.
- **January 12, 2016 will be the next board meeting** and the meeting will be moved to 5:00 so that the members will be able to attend the Basketball game at 6:00.
- November 18th is the BGH annual Thanksgiving Dinner and December 17th is the annual Christmas Dinner. Both dinners are at 5:30 and all board members are welcome to attend.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave and seconded by Sheila. The meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting is January the 12th at 5:00 p.m.