

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Building

Welcome..... Dave Wyatt

- Dave Wyatt opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Larry Hewett, Deana Yergeau and Sandra Robinson were present. Dave Wyatt and Sheila Boles were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons and Gwen Jones. Gary Faircloth , Tom Huggins and Alan Thompson were also present.

Approval of November Board Minutes..... A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave, Larry approved and Sheila made a second and the November minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

- The first item on the agenda was a presentation made by Alan Thompson from Thompson, Price, Scott, Adams & Co; P.A. Mr. Thompson stated that he was issuing an unmodified clean report. He also stated that there was only one item that was a concern and it had already been worked out with Tom Simmons. The concern was that any money over \$250 be deposited every day.
Tom Huggins drew the board's attention to pages 25 and 26 of the report handout. On these pages Tom Huggins pointed out the best comparison of asset flow. He stated that most audit time is spent with compliance of state funds as we are tied to Boys and Girls Home. He also stated that we are on the target with the 5 year plan and actually ahead of schedule.
Tom Simmons stated students who enroll after 20 days we are not funded from the state because the money stays in the LEA of the student. He also said that a hot lunch, that is provided for the 95% of students who are eligible for free lunch and free bus transportation also has a significant impact

on the budget.

There was a question about the in-kind funding. Tom Huggins stated that the school is on a per draw basis and after the Middle School opens, the in-kind support will be revised.

There was a motion made to accept the report by Larry and a second by Sheila. With no further discussion, the report was accepted.

- Dr. Simmons said that middle school construction is going well and we hope to be in the building by April.
- There are 87 students enrolled in Flemington Academy. In the Middle School the enrollment is 28 and there are 59 students in the High School. Community students are almost equal to Residents with the numbers being 43 and 44.
- There are 7 seniors that will graduate this year. There were two more; however, two students went home. There are also 5 students that will enroll in the dual enrollment program at Southeastern.
- Flemington Academy will soon start the *Healthy Decision Program*. This program is about Life and Sexual Involvement. The program will target 8 and 9th graders. A parent meeting will be held before the program begins and the parents will have the opportunity to have their child opt out. Dr. Simmons said he will have a copy of the curriculum to distribute at the next meeting.
- There was a wonderful response from the community about the Flemington Academy float in the Christmas Parade.
- The Chorus performed at several different venues during the holidays and did a great job.
- Dr. Simmons reported that he spoke at the Southport Kiwanis Club. (This is the same club that donated book bags to the school). He said they were very supportive and that we have had more support than we thought possible from all over the state.
- There has been a problem with people parking in the fire zone, therefore, we will put up signs and paint diagonal yellow lines on the pavement to prevent the problem.
- Exams started January 11th. Dr. Simmons said that the students seem to be taking exams serious this year. They are taking their time and not rushing to finish. He stated that for the 2014/15 school year, 33% were on grade level and if we are able to reach 40%, it will help us toward becoming a higher performing school. He also stated that he would have a print out of the EVAAS scores at the next meeting.
- Dr. Simmons took the opportunity to talk about the extra EC funding that Ms. Coston was able to find to help support our speech therapy.

Old Business:

- Dr. Simmons explained that the school board must at least meet one time per year; however, he would like to continue to meet on a monthly basis until the middle school is complete. All the board members agreed with his decision.

New Business:

- Two teachers resigned this semester and that leaves an opening for a middle school science teacher and a physical education and health teacher. Dr. Simmons asked the board for permission to hire for these open positions. Sheila made a motion to allow the hire and Larry made a second. With no opposed, the motion carried.
- Dr. Simmons told the board members that he had purposely had the basketball team play more challenging teams this year and although they have not won all the games, they have done well.
- Larry Hewett took a minute to brag on Ania Freeman. He said she gave a polished speech at the meeting this past weekend. He also she is running for executive board treasure for next year and we should be very proud of Ania.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

- There were no questions or concerns.

ADJOURN..... Dave Wyatt

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

The next board meeting will be February 9, 2016.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Building

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Larry Hewett and Deana Yergeau were present. Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt and Sandra Robinson were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons and Gwen Jones.

Approval of January Board Minutes..... A motion to approve the minutes was made by Owen, Dave approved and Sandra made a second and the January minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

- The building of the middle school is coming along well. Dr. Simmons stated that the drain holes in the bathrooms were left out of the original plans so that cost an extra. Jerry Boles helped with the heating and air and that was a savings. We hope to have the building completed by April and move in by Spring Break.
- First Semester report cards have gone out. This year all students passed the English exams and scored at the state average.
- There are 4 students enrolled in dual-enrollment at Southeastern Community College. We hope to add more in the future as these four seem to be doing well.
- Home Coming week was a lot of fun for the students. The students dressed in different outfits each day of the week. At the end of the week they had a basketball game and voted on a King and Queen along with a Prince and Princess. They also went to the event center at the farm for a dance.
- There are 8 students in the driver's education class that is taught at East Columbus High School.

- We have decided to do our own Staff Development conference this spring. The conference will be at Oak Island and will be opened up to all the charter schools in the region.
- Dr. Simmons said that he will speak at the North Carolina Alliance about the Children of Promise.
- We will interview for the Physical Education and Health and the Middle School Science teacher positions. By the next board meeting we hope to have these staff positions filled.

There was no Old Business

New Business:

- Owen asked Flemington Academy to come up with some ideas to take to the Rotary club for the technology for the I.T. infrastructure of the Middle School. Some things Dr. Simmons said we would definitely need are 20 tablets and a T.V. in each classroom. Before the building is completed, there will be a decision made about outlets in each room.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

- There were no questions or concerns.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Owen followed by a second by Sandra. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be March 8, 2016.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes
March 8, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

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

Approval of February Board Minutes..... A motion to approve the minutes was made by Owen, Dave approved and Larry made a second and the February minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

- The headcount goal for the 2016-17 school year is 102 students. Money has been set aside for 102 students.
- March 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Flemington Academy had a staff development retreat at Ft. Caswell. Included in the retreat were team building activities, DPI Staff Development and Professional Ethics presented by Judge Fred Gore.
- Dr. Simmons will speak at the Charter School Conference in Charlotte this week about "At Promise Kids."
- Prom will be held the evening of March 24th. The following day will start the first day of "Spring Break" and the students will be out of school the entire next week.
- The yearbook class is doing great. We have ordered 100 hardback books and will probably be able to give each student a book. If there is a cost it will be \$6.00 or less. We hope to have the books available by April 1st.

- Dr. Simmons stated that other teams were impressed by the sportsmanship of our basketball team. The girls played in the Jacksonville tournament and finished in 2nd place and finished 2nd on the all conference team. The school will remove the old banners in the gym soon and put up new banners that reflect our teams.
- There is a new Drama teacher at Flemington Academy and we hope to have a drama presentation before the end of the school year.
- Mrs. Tracy stated that we now have enough technology to do all testing online at the end of the school year.

Old Business:

- The Physical Education and the Middle School Science positions have been filled for the rest of the school year however; next year certified teachers will be hired.
- There will be 18 computers in the lab at the new Middle School. There will also be 5 computers in each classroom. The teachers will be able to see all computer activity at all times. Dr. Simmons and Mrs. Tracy stated that they would like to have a bank of chrome books in the middle school and the high school next year. Eventually we would like to have classroom and homework assignments loaded on the chrome books.
- We are continuing to look for certified teachers to fill positions for next year.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

- Owen asked if there is anything that the board members can do to help the school in the way of counselors for the student. Dr. Simmons stated that we had 8 qualified staff to counsel with the students after the death last week. He also mentioned that that is more than most public schools usually have.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave followed by a second by Sheila. The motion carried.

The next board meeting will be April 12, 2016.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Larry Hewett and Deana Yergeau were present. Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt and Sheila Boles were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones. Dr. Simmons was detained from attending by his presence at the Sanctuary meeting.

Approval of February Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson entertained a motion to approve the minutes, Dave made the motion, Larry seconded and the March minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

In Dr. Simmons' absence Tracy Coston provided the following updates:

- The construction of the middle school building is moving along beautifully. The sheetrock has been hung and they are in the process of painting and adding the electrical work. There should be lights by the end of the week.
- The prom was a huge success. Johnna Harrelson did an excellent job with the decorating and food. Larry Hewett took pictures and Dr. Brooks was the D.J. for the evening. The staff and the students had a great time.
- Tracy made a decision not to attend the career day at Southeastern Community College this year. Tracy would like to broaden the range of interests and have a career day here at Flemington Academy. She stated that we could possibly take advantage of our board members and civic club members to help.
- Dr. Simmons attended the Job Fair at UNC Pembroke where he was able to pick up several applications; however, most of those attending were certified in the elementary grades. Flemington Academy has two positions available, Middle School Science and Physical Education. We are filling these positions with long term subs that are both doing a great job.
- The Awards Banquet for academics, athletics and arts is scheduled for May 26th at 5:00p.m. The guest speaker will be Mike Minter, current head football coach at Campbell University and former player with the Carolina Panthers. Community students will be given 2 tickets for the event so that they and a guest may attend.
- Graduation is scheduled for June 14th at 6:00p.m. Rick Rosati will give the senior challenge and we hope to have June Atkinson as the keynote speaker.
- Tracy presented the board with the Summer School Plan. She said she wanted to plan strategically this year, present the plan to the board early, and make every minute count.
- Tracy reported that there may be some transportation challenges for next year. It looks as though

we may need to send another van to Delco. Boys and Girls home has a bus that has some significant challenges. It would be helpful if that bus could be repaired and ready to go by next school year. Tracy also noted that consideration is being given to charging a fee of \$1.00 per day for transportation and asked board members their thoughts. It was stated that most Charter school students provide their own transportation. It was also stated that a family with multiple children might have an adjusted fee. There was also a discussion about a survey being sent home with the community students in order to receive some feedback on the subject. Tracy said she would have the survey prepared by the next board meeting.

Board Action Item:

- Owen asked the board to take action on the revised Summer School Plan. Sheila made a motion to approve the plan and Dave made a second. Everyone approved and the plan passed.
- Tracy asked the board members to take action on the long term suspension of a student that was found to have brought some over the counter medications to school and passed them out to other students. Owen entertained a motion on this matter. Larry made a motion to approve the long term suspension, Deanna seconded, and the motion was approved.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

- Dr. Simmons is working on school calendars for the upcoming year that will be presented at the May board meeting.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

- There were no questions or concerns.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave followed by a second by Larry. The motion carried.

The next board meeting will be May 10, 2016.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Dave called the meeting to order due to Owen not being able to enter the conference call until after 4:00.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Larry Hewett and Deana Yergeau were present. Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt and Sandra Robinson were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons and Gwen Jones. Tom Huggins was present to discuss the upcoming audit. Tracy Coston was at a training seminar.

Approval of February Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson entertained a motion to approve the minutes, Dave made the motion to approve, Sondra seconded and the April minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

Dr. Simmons provided the following updates:

- The construction of the middle school building should be finished in 6 weeks. We have received quotes from 2 companies on the furniture. Owen is helping supply the computers. Dr. Simmons stated that he will name a classroom after anyone who would like to donate.
- There are 33 students on the A/B Honor Roll.
- Population for next year is 102. Dr. Simmons stated that word of mouth has been a good source to populate our school and that we are a good choice for a small school.
- There were 2 calendars to choose from and the staff selected second calendar. The staff prefer to take exams before the holiday break and this calendar reflects that selection.
- The following are projected staffing needs. The needs are a High School Physical Education and Science teacher and a Middle School Language Arts, Social Studies and Science teacher. We would also like to allow our High School E.C. teacher more time to work on occupational studies, therefore, opening a position for a High School E.C. teacher. In addition, we will need a part-time office assistant for the new Middle School. Dr. Simmons stated that he would have a preliminary budget to present to the board on this matter in the June meeting.
- The school will host a dance on May 13, 2016.
- The Awards Banquet will be held on May 26th at 5:00. The keynote speaker will be Mike Minter who is a former Panthers player and currently head football coach at Campbell University.
- There are 4 students attending Key Club international in Atlanta. Two are residents and two are community students. Larry stated that this would take place the first part of July.
- Testing starts on May the 27th.

- Graduation is on June the 14th at 6:00. This will also be the date for the next board meeting which will be held at 4:00. June Atkinson has agreed to speak.
- The seniors will take a trip to Carowinds. The cost is \$50.00 for a ticket and a meal is included. Ten seniors will attend. Donations are welcome.

Old Business:

- Owen asked the board to take action to approve the calendar. Dave made a motion to approve and Sandra made a second. Everyone approved and the calendar approval passed.

New Business:

- Dr. Simmons requested that we change graduation next year to Saturday morning. This time would be easier for most people to adjust their work schedule to this time. Owen asked the board to take action on this time change. Larry made a motion to approve the time change and Sandra made a second. Everyone approved and the time change passed.
- EOG and EOC testing dates were discussed but it was determined that there was no need for a vote.
- Dr. Simmons asked the board members if they would like to cancel the July board meeting. Owen asked the board to take action on canceling the meeting with the option of having a conference call meeting if an emergency were to **arise**. Dave made a motion to accept that proposal and Sandra made a second. Everyone approved and the meeting **is** canceled unless there is an emergency conference call needed.
- Dr. Simmons explained the importance of house bill 539. He also talked with the board about campaigning that Lottery funds be used for Charter Schools as well as Public Schools. Finally, he informed the board that Fines and Forfeitures' collected **are** being used for the prison system instead of the school system. Dr. Simmons stated that he would spend time this summer working on funding.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

- Sandra Robinson said that she has served for 2 years and will not be able to serve another term and her last board meeting will be in June. Dr. Simmons said that we would need to find someone else to serve between now and August.

Board Action Item:

- Dr. Simmons stated that when he took the position as leader of Flemington Academy it was agreed that he would step down after three years and the assistant principal would assume the leadership position. Dr. Simmons said that this is the end of that time period. He also stated that he would stay on as a liaison between the school and BGH and that he would have his resignation letter by the next board meeting. Dr. Simmons made a recommendation that on July 1, 2016, Tracy Coston take over as Director and LaShonn Freeman take over as Assistant Director. Owen asked the board to take action on the request to make the changes. Sandra made a motion and Dave made a second, all were in favor and the vote passed.
- Tom Huggins stated that the timeline was coming from D.P.I. to do the annual audit. He also reminded everyone that a 3 year agreement with Thompson, Price, Scott and Adams was entered into to perform the audit for Boys and Girls Homes – including Flemington Academy. Because of time constraints Tom asked Dave to allow Larry through verbal authorization to sign the intent letter because Larry was at the board meeting in person. Dave agreed and Larry signed the letter.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

Owen entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry motioned that we adjourn and Sandra made a second. Everyone was in favor and we adjourned.

The next board meeting will be June 14, 2016.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Shelia Boles, Larry Hewett, Owen Robinson and Deana Yergeau were present. Dave Wyatt and Sandra Robinson were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones. Tom Huggins was present to discuss the budget for the 2016-17 school year.

Approval of May Board Minutes..... Owen Robinson entertained a motion to approve the minutes, Dave made the motion to approve, Deanna seconded and the May minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

Dr. Simmons provided the following updates:

- There was no update on the middle school.
- We have reached the projected enrollment of 102 for next year and any more applicants are being placed on a waiting list.
- Tracy talked about the upcoming summer school program and said that smaller groups are best for summer school. The courses that will be offered are reading, math, test taking strategies, math 1, English 11 and Biology. 8 or 9 students are taking North Carolina Virtual Public High School. Some students are practicing and retaking tests. The summer school session will last from June 15-August 29th and the NCVPHS will be June 20- August 7th. All students taking the NCVPHS have signed a waiver stating that they will complete and pass the class or pay back the fee of \$235.
- Test scores will be given out in August.
- The senior class trip to Carowinds went very well. Thank you to Owen and Dave's Rotary clubs for sponsoring the event.
- Dr. Simmons went over his trip to the legislature to provide information in support of trying to pass House Bill 539. This bill (if passed) will help in the funding of charter schools.

Old Business:

- There was no old business

New Business:

- Tom Huggins went over the budget for the 2016-17 school year. Each member was given a FY 2017 Budget book.
- Larry, Sandra and Sheila are scheduled to rotate off the board this year. They may serve an additional two year term and each will need to decide whether or not they will continue to serve. Sandra has already asked to be removed after this term.
- Dr. Simmons will write a Personal Leave Policy to be presented for the board's consideration at the August board meeting.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

- There was a question about House Bill 539 funds being in the budget this year. House Bill 539 funds would be over and above the budget and was not figured into the budget.
- There was a question about the insurance for the board. Tom Huggins stated that the board is covered through the directors and officers policy.

Board Action Item:

- There was a request entertained by Owen to approve the 2017 school budget. Dave made a motion to approve the budget and Larry seconded. Everyone approved and the motion carried.

- There was a request entertained by Owen to the board to allow Tracy and Lashonn to hire teachers for Middle School English, Science, Social Studies and High School teachers for Science and Math. Sheila made a motion and Sandra made a second everyone approved and the motion carried.

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

Owen entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry made the motion and Deanna seconded. Everyone was in favor and the meeting was adjourned.

The next board meeting will be Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the Flemington Academy Media Center.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2016

4:00 pm

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Larry Hewett and Deana Yergeau were present. Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt and Sheila Boles were present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones. Tom Huggins (VP of finance) was present. Prospective board member, Dr. Zelphi Gissett was present.

Approval of February Board Minutes..... Owen asked the board if they received the June minutes and if they would make a motion to approve. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry, Deanna made a second and the June minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

- The new middle school opened on August 15. Many of the staff and teachers worked late the previous week to prepare for the opening.
- The headcount for August 16 was 94 students
- There were several new teachers hired this month:
 - Ms. Burton will teach middle school science and math
 - Ms. Troy will help with career planning and she experienced in writing grants.
 - Ms. Sons will teach middle school math and science.
 - Mr. Heim will teach middle school English and social studies.
 - Joel Smith will teach P.E. and Health.
 - Martha O'neill will return and teach Theatre.
 - Helms will return to teach science.

Old Business:

There was no old business

New Business:

Owen asked the board if they would like to adopt the new calendar. Larry made a motion to adopt the calendar, Dave made a second and the decision was made to adopt the new calendar.

There was a recommendation made to vote in Dr. Selphia Grissett to serve on the Flemington Academy board. Owen entertained a vote to accept Dr. Grissett as a member. Larry made a motion and Deanna made a second and the decision to accept her as a member carried.

There will be a grand opening at the middle school on September 13. The board meeting scheduled for 4:00 will move to 5:00.

Board Action Items:

The teacher leave personal leave policy was explained to the board members by Dr. Simmons. Owen asked the board to entertain adopting the policy. Dave made a motion to adopt the policy and Deanna made a second, everyone was in favor and the motion carried.

Board Member Questions/Concerns:

There were no questions or concerns

ADJOURN..... Owen Robinson

- Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave followed by a second by Larry. The motion carried.

The next board meeting will be September 13, 2016 at 5:00.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2016

5:00 p.m.

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt, Zelfhia Grisset, and Shelia Boles were present. Larry Hewett was present through conference call. Staff members present were Tom Simmons, Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones. Boys and Girls Home president, Gary Faircloth, was also present.

Approval of February Board Minutes..... Owen asked the board if they received the August minutes and if he could have a motion to approve. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave, Shelia made a second, and the August minutes were approved.

Flemington Academy Updates:

- The 20 day headcount is between 96 and 98. Residents make up 40% and the other 60% are community students.
- We are working on hiring a Science teacher and a Middle School teacher to replace the two teachers that will resign mid-year.
- There was a computer donation from SAS. SAS donated 16 amazing computers and this helps us with our computer lab. Another donation was made from Riegelwood Credit Union. Riegelwood donated 100 binders and 125 dividers.
- 4 students are attending Southeastern Community College. These students are taking English, Chemistry and Pre-Cal. They also have a tutoring program that is available to any student who may need extra help with their classes. Our contact, Becky Holden is our representative with Southeastern and she has been immaculate.

- On our school report card, we have moved to a "D" school. We were at 33% and now we are at 46%. This is mainly in proficiency. Ten percent of the students will prepare for job skills that they will access right after high school.

There were no questions.

There was no old business.

New Business:

- There are a few board members that need to be reappointed. We will discuss their reappointment at the next meeting.
- There was a discussion about adding 5th grade next year. If the board approves, there would have to be an addendum to the Charter to include 5th grade. We will hire a self-contained teacher and our 5th grade classes will only have 12-15 students. There was a suggestion that adding 5th grade would certainly bring our numbers up. There was another idea to assess the area to determine if adding the extra grade would be beneficial.

Board Action Item:

- There was a presentation made to the board that the name Flemington Academy be changed to Thomas Academy. This change was proposed after David L. and Grace S. Thomas agreed to contribute \$400,000 in support of the building of the new middle school and support the Academy's private dollar operational support. The Thomases have been in the community for a long time and are a very well known and admired family. In addition, the name "Flemington" has no ties to the community and was only chosen due to the street and location of the school.

Enclosed with these minutes is the documentation explaining the donation and the name change that will be filed in the North Carolina Register of Deeds Office.

The proposed name change was received with excitement and after a thorough discussion Board Chair Owen Robinson asked the board for a motion to change the name of the school from Flemington Academy to Thomas Academy. Dave Wyatt made a motion and Larry Hewett made a second. Everyone approved the motion and the vote to support the name change carried unanimously.

- Due to a lack of time, the Student Admission Policy that was passed out at the beginning of the meeting, will be reviewed and voted on in the October meeting.

There were no questions or concerns.

Owen asked the board for a motion to adjourn. Dave made a motion to adjourn and Sheila made a second, everyone was in favor and the meeting was dismissed.

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2016.

Flemington Academy Charter School

Board Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Flemington Academy Media Center

Welcome..... Owen Robinson

- Owen opened the meeting.

Roll Call..... Gwen Jones

- Larry Hewett was here in person and Shelia Boles, Zelfhia Grissett, Owen Robinson and Dave Wyatt were present through conference call. Deanna Yergeau asked to step down for a few months. Flemington Academy staff present was Tracy Coston and Gwen Jones.

Approval of September Board Minutes..... Owen
asked the board if they received the September minutes and if he could have a motion to approve. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave, Dr. Grissett made a second, and the September minutes were approved.

The October Board Meeting was cancelled due to weather.

Flemington Academy Updates:

- There are a total of 100 students enrolled in Flemington Academy (63 high school and 37 middle school). There are 44 residents and 56 community students.
- Ms. Tracy attended a college fair with some of the students at North Brunswick High School. She stated that she asked the students to meet with at least 3 people at the fair. She also said that some of the students know the occupation they would like to pursue after high school and others are still undecided. The fair was an excellent opportunity for the students to get occupation ideas. Tracy said that she has been very pleased with how Southeastern Community College and North Brunswick have worked so well with our school.
- Senior Day at Southeastern was a good experience for our students and

Southeastern does a very good job of planning a well thought out day for the students.

- The campus went over and above to fill shoe boxes for Samaritans' Purse. One of our Flemington Academy students helped for a community service project and the school alone gave 61 boxes toward the 171 given by the campus.
- Senior rings and caps and gowns should be here before Christmas. Students on campus are given \$235 to spend on rings and Herff Jones is really good about giving us a package deal.
- Lifetouch will take our school pictures this year. Pictures will be at cost in the fall and will be at a 10 percent mark up in the spring and all proceeds will go to the school.
- The end of the first 9 weeks was in October. The second 9 weeks will end 2 weeks after Thanksgiving. Testing will be finished before Christmas.
- There are several students on A/B honor roll, however, there are not as many as last year because we have bumped up the expectations.
- Flemington Academy boys basketball team participated in a tournament in Fayetteville last weekend. Tracy also told the board that there is an app they can download where they would be able to see highlights of the games and information about upcoming games. This season, Leo Wilson will coach the girls and Jonathan Crawley will coach the boys.
- The Bus has been pulled off the road until it can be repaired. It has been running hot.
- Our Theater group has written a play about being female. They will do a performance at West Brunswick and another performance in the Chapel here on campus. Sheila Boles also suggested that we might be able to do a performance at the new girl's charter school in Wilmington.
- The new Student Admission Policy will be voted on in the next meeting.

There were no questions or concerns

Old Business:

- The ceremony for the school name change will be held on December 5th at 1:00 p.m. Invitations will go out and someone from the Thomas family will speak.
- Some students who withdrew at the beginning of the year have re-enrolled. We are allowed a 10 percent increase without a waiver.

New Business:

- We have joined the Coastal Carolina Conference for athletics. When we are part of this conference, we pay a fee and they have several activities that our students may be involved with. College or professional scouts may attend games to watch our students which will great for them as far as being offered scholarships or offers to play professional sports.
- Dr. Simmons and Ms. Tracy would like to start the process of choosing a "Teacher of the Year". They will begin gathering information in November and December.

Board Action Item:

- There were 3 board members that needed to be reappointed. Sheila Boles, Larry Hewitt and Dr. Grissett. Each of these members said they would like to continue. Owen entertained a vote to have the members continue. Dave made a motion and Owen made a second and the vote carried.
- Owen asked the board if they would like to vote to cancel the December meeting. The board agreed and Owen asked the board to vote. Larry made a motion to reschedule and Sheila made a second, everyone was in favor and the motion carried.

There were no questions or concerns

Owen asked the board for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave made a motion and Larry made a second and everyone was in favor.

The next board meeting will be January 10, 2017.