



Special MSC Board Executive Session Meeting 5pm Minutes: July 3rd, 2020

Attendees via Zoom: Joan McCulley, Dr. John Moncure, Maria Pryor, Joseph Folsom, Nathaniel L'Heureux, April Wach, Michael Conley, Liza Caraglio, Lynsey Doiron and Sharon Huffstetler (PAC representative)

Absent: Brett Perry

1. Call to order 6:20 pm by President, Joan McCulley.

Per the MSC Board By-laws and Board Manual an emergency/special meeting can be held when there are circumstances that directly impact the economic or academic success of MSC. The meeting is to be an executive session at the first date in which 75% of the Board is available. The public will be notified of the meeting and the one agenda item (2020-21 School Calendar). The only meeting attendees will be Board members and Dr. Moncure (invited).

2. 2020-21 School Calendar – **Background:**

MSC submitted its Reopening Plan to the Charter Institute on 6/18. Some additions and revisions were requested on 6/25. These were added, reviewed by the Reentry Working Group, and submitted to the Charter Institute on 6/28.

July 1 MSC received a message from the Charter Institute stating that the decision to open was a local one, and indicating that the Reopening plan met the Guidelines for reopening and fits the needs of MSC with SCDE/AccelerateED guidelines in mind. The message also asked MSC to continue to follow all local DHEC guidelines and make changes to the plan when needed.

Also last week the SC Legislature approved and Governor McMaster signed a bill authorizing some CARES Act funds be used to fund LEAP days for each school. These five days must be used prior to school opening and can be used for various activities to prepare for the 2020-21 school year. In order to accommodate the LEAP days the 2020-21 school calendar needs to be revised. Attached is the proposed revised 2020-21 school calendar. The LEAP days are scheduled to begin 7/15. The proposed school begin date is 7/22. The Fall Intersession is shortened to 2 weeks beginning September 28 instead of 9/21. The remainder of the school calendar remains as initially approved. The 2nd page of the calendar documents the # of days for each category as required by SCDOE.

Liza Caraglio (Board representative on the MSC Reopening Working Group) made a motion to accept the proposed revised calendar. Michael Conley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Nathaniel L'Heureux and Joseph Folsom expressed concern about families who may have already scheduled vacation for the 1st week of the Fall Intersession. Dr. Moncure indicated that families may request excused absences by using MAAD during the absence and/or making arrangements with the Classroom Director to utilize vacation learnings as a project, etc. Maria Pryor asked if MAAD-M students could meet with classroom directors periodically in order to maintain social relationships, etc. Dr. Moncure will review this with the MSC staff to establish a schedule.

Nathaniel L'Heureux asked about 2/26 and 2/27/2021. Dr. Moncure indicated that these dates are for MEPI Conference. The coding will be updated to accurately reflect this.

Individual voice votes were requested regarding approval of the proposed revised calendar with the above suggestions. There was unanimous approval of the revised calendar.

3. Next Board Meeting and MSC Open House

The virtual MSC Open House will be held 7/13/2021 as this was the date originally communicated to families.

The MSC Board meeting will remain as scheduled 7/20 at 6pm.

4. The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:10 p.m. Next meeting will be July 20.