

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SOUTHLAND COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
March 21, 2016**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Southland College Prep Charter School, Inc. (the "Corporation" or "Southland") was held pursuant to notice as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and said meeting was held as follows:

Date: March 21, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Matteson School District 162
4601 Sauk Trail
Richton Park, IL 60471

Directors Present:

Ronald Bean, President
Alicia Rodman McCray, Vice President
Kevin Murphy, Secretary
Dr. Deborah Bordelon, Assistant Secretary
Dr. Blondean Y. Davis
Dr. Vinni Hall
Dr. Barbara Radner

Also Present:

Robert Hall, attorney
Craig Englert
Zack Zayed
Ron Anderson
Robert Lane
Bryan Hale
Andrea Kidd

I. Audience to Visitors

No person attending addressed the Board of Directors.

II. Motion made by Director Davis and seconded by Director Murphy to approve the agreement with Matteson School District 162 to provide food service for Southland students.

Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that the agreement with Matteson School District 162 to provide food service for Southland students is approved.

III. Motion made by Director Hall and seconded by Director Murphy to approve engagement for auditing services.

President Bean related that RSM is the same firm that has been providing audit services to Southland. President Bean noted that the engagement letter included in the Board members' packets outlines the scope of the audit services to be provided.

Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that the engagement of auditing services is approved.

IV. Motion made by Director Davis and seconded by Director McCray to approve Southland's school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year.

President Bean noted that the Board members had received a copy of the calendar. President Bean also noted that the 2016-2017 school year ends May 21. Dr. Davis advised that Southland's calendar mirrors District 162's calendar, with the exception of the number of conference days, and that Southland's calendar coordinates with the township's high school calendar. Dr. Davis also noted that Southland's administration had sought to obtain the calendars of other elementary school districts in the area, but those calendars are not yet available. Accordingly, Dr. Davis advised that Southland's calendar avoids scheduling conflicts for families with children attending multiple area schools to the greatest possible extent.

Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that Southland's school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year is approved.

V. Motion made by Director Murphy and seconded by Director Bordelon to authorize the District to participate in an E-Rate consortium entitled the "Matteson-Southland Consortium" together with Matteson School District No. 162 and to execute such forms and documents as may be required to permit the Matteson-Southland Consortium to apply for E-Rate funding for Telecommunications and

Internet Access services on behalf of the District for E-Rate Funding Year 2016, which commences on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017.

Attorney Hall noted that a memorandum included in the Board packets indicates that a lower amount of E-Rate funding is anticipated in the 2016-2017 school year due to changes in the scope of this federal program.

Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that the authorization to participate in an E-Rate consortium entitled the “Matteson-Southland Consortium” together with Matteson School District No. 162 and to execute such forms and documents as may be required to permit the Matteson-Southland Consortium to apply for E-Rate funding for Telecommunications and Internet Access services on behalf of the District for E-Rate Funding Year 2016, which commences on July 1, 2016 and ends on June 30, 2017, is approved.

VI. Motion made by Director McCray and seconded by Director Davis to approve the following personnel matters:

- a. Approval of retirement of Ms. Andrea Kidd., Director of Special Education, effective June 30, 2016.
- b. Approval of termination of at-will employment of Ms. Jo Anne Roe, teacher, effective December 24, 2015.
- c. Approval of termination of at-will employment of Ms. Tamara Smith, teacher, effective January 1, 2016.
- d. Approval of resignation of Mr. Patrick Spreadbury, teacher, effective November 18, 2015,

Referring to Ms. Kidd’s retirement, Dr. Davis thanked Ms. Kidd for her “extraordinary services.” Dr. Davis noted that Ms. Kidd has been part of the evolution of Southland, having served as a Southland administrator since the school’s inception. Ms. Kidd commented that it has been her pleasure to serve at Southland.

Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that the personnel matters were approved.

VII. Motion made by Director Hall and seconded by Director Bordelon to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 16, 2015.

Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting on November 16, 2015, are approved.

VIII. Report from the Chief Executive Officer.

Lottery

Dr. Davis first commented regarding Southland's student enrollment lottery, which was held on March 16, 2016 and streamed live. Dr. Davis said that the staff members do an exemplary job procedurally. Dr. Davis related that 140 students were accepted via the lottery, and there was a waiting list of 10 students. Dr. Davis noted that, of the 140 students enrolled in next year's Freshmen Class, 29 students are siblings of current Southland students. Dr. Davis also reminded the Board that Southland had applied for and the Charter Commission had increased the cap in Southland's enrollment to 530 students; Dr. Davis noted that it is Southland's intention to enroll 525 students each year, but sought an enrollment cap of 530 students in order to provide additional flexibility in the enrollment process, as it is sometimes difficult to know precisely how many ninth grade students to enroll in order to achieve enrollment of 525 students each year, as it is hard to predict precisely how many students might be required to transfer due to changes in residency.

Advanced Placement

Dr. Davis noted that Southland had submitted an advanced placement grant, in collaboration with District 162. At Dr. Davis' request, Robert Lane discussed the advanced placement program that will be funded by the grant, explaining that the AP program will begin at the elementary school level. Specifically, the program will identify middle school students who would benefit from participation in AP classes. Mr. Lane noted that Southland's current AP classes include: two calculus classes; United States history; comparative politics and government; biology; Spanish; and English. Next year, new AP classes will be added: probability and statistics; and either an additional history or government class.

ACT

Dr. Davis advised the Board that she continues to consider strategies to assist students in achieving higher ACT scores, particularly in the areas of math and science. Dr. Davis

noted that there would be an in-service the following day for seventh and eighth grade teachers, with the goal of assisting them to understand what Southland is doing regarding ACT preparation. Dr. Davis noted that Southland is working with Academic Approach regarding teacher training.

At Dr. Davis' request, Mr. Lane related that Southland has an ACT initiative for students in their Junior year, which carries over to provide ongoing support for students in their Senior year. Mr. Lane noted that most ACT initiatives focus exclusively on students in the Junior year, thereby excluding Senior students who would benefit from ongoing support. Mr. Lane explained that ACT preparation at Southland includes Saturday instruction to assist with ACT preparation, as well as examination of Students' initial ACT achievement data in order to determine which students would benefit from a 1-on-1 tutor program provided by Academic Approach. Dr. Davis noted that Southland is an ACT testing center and will offer the test for Southland students on April 19, 2016, at Southland's expense, which allows Southland to provide six additional weeks of instruction for its students, as compared to earlier ACT testing dates. Mr. Lane noted that Southland would have an ACT Boot Camp for its students during Spring Break.

Mr. Lane noted that ACT achievement data for the Southland Class of 2016 would not be available until August. He related that when the students were Juniors, their composite score was 17.1 in August 2014 and increased to 20.1 in April 2015.

College information

Ron Anderson, Southland's College Counselor, reported that Southland's Class of 2016 has received \$18.9 million in institutional scholarships, thus far, thereby exceeding the administration's stated goal of assisting these Southland Seniors to earn \$16 million in such institutional scholarships. Additionally, Mr. Anderson stated that, to date, 107 of the 109 students in Southland's Senior class have been accepted into college, and he anticipated that the entire Class of 2016 would have received college acceptances by the conclusion of Spring Break. Mr. Anderson noted that Southland Seniors have been accepted to 23 of the top 50 colleges and universities in the United States, including such schools as Stanford, Columbia, Yale, Duke, Dartmouth, Emory, Northwestern and Vanderbilt. In summary, Mr. Anderson stated that Southland would meet, exceed and "blow out of the water" every quantitative goal that it had set regarding college acceptances and scholarships earned by the Class of 2016.

IX. Motion made by Director Murphy and seconded by Member McCray that the Board go into executive session for the consideration of personnel matters.

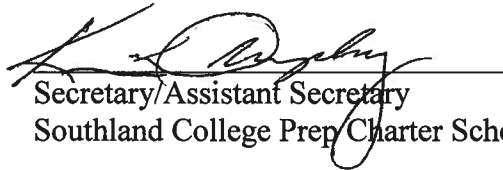
Upon the motion duly made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 YEAS, 0 NAYS:

RESOLVED, that the Board enter Executive Session at 7:21 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 7:49 p.m.

X. President Bean adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Dated this 16th day of May 2016.


Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Southland College Prep Charter School, Inc.