

MINUTES of GREEN Charter School Board on Nov. 15, 2016

1. Call to order: President Sanober Ebrahim

Present at meeting: Sanober Ebrahim

Karen Spell

Melinda Young

Yavuz Koruk

Uma Vaizers

Craig Young

Not present: Selcuk Filiz

2. Approval of agenda items: Approved

3. Approval of last meeting minutes (10.11.2016): Approved

4. Approval of issuance of South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority of Economic Development Revenue Bonds:

Russell Caldwell said he helps charter schools obtain expansion funding. Caldwell connected GREEN Principal Adem Dokmeci with charter school investors. The funding is needed for the expansion to a new school in Irmo, S.C.

Paul Jason, who specializes in public finance, said GREEN Charter will access cheaper capital through a bond issue that has a five-year fixed rate. Within five years, the school will need to refinance. This type of arrangement is standard for the level of risk.

Adem Dokmeci asked for clarification on the fixed rate amount of 5.25%.

Paul Jason said it is a balloon loan due in 2022. The idea is that once GREEN Charter builds its profile, it will be eligible for a better fixed rate deal.

Russell Caldwell said that charter schools are challenging for investors because they don't understand the renewal risk. However, because GREEN Charter has an existing history of high academic performance, high performance management, good management and board governance, investors were interested.

Yavuz Koruk asked about the interest rate and whether it was the right rate.

Paul Jason said it was a triple A rate, and the investor requires a rate of between 5% and 5.5%

Sanober Ebrahim made motions to approve the issuance of the bonds in three resolutions. The board voted unanimously, each time, to approve the resolutions.

An amendment was added: Sanober Ebrahim made a motion for a financial advisory contract amendment (between Public Finance Inc. and GREEN Charter to know the exact scope, transaction, and fees), added under Section 2F. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Board member Craig Young left the board meeting, but quorum was maintained.

Sanober Ebrahim made a motion to acquire the property in Irmo, S.C., for building the new GREEN Charter School. The remaining board members unanimously passed the motion.

The agreement appoints Adem Dokmeci as manager of GREEN LLC. The addition of a separate and new school will require the GREEN Charter board also to change, requiring amended bylaws.

Adem Dokmeci said the new board will have members selected from both schools for two-year terms. Board members will be eligible for re-election after their two-year term is completed.

5. Approval of new bylaws

Sanober Ebrahim made a motion to approve the new bylaws. The motion was seconded and approved by the five present board members.

6. Update on financials: Adem Dokmeci asked that the board approve \$500 bonuses for each of 24 returning teachers and \$250 for 24 returning non-teaching employees. The teacher bonuses are incentive pay for high classroom achievement. Also, he asked that the board approve gifts of \$100 gift cards to each of the 65 staff members.

Sanober Ebrahim made a motion to approve the gift cards and incentive bonuses. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Athletics courts proposal review: Adem Dokmeci discussed two proposals for the new basketball and tennis courts. The proposals ranged from \$118,743.22 - \$198,180.83.

8. Principal remarks: The International Festival was successful, although there was not enough food for everyone who attended, Adem Dokmeci said.

In other news, there is a CESA soccer team at the school with parent volunteer coaches.

9. Public remarks: None.

10. Closure of the meeting: Sanober Ebrahim closed the meeting.