



**M.I.T.C.H. CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:15 PM**

M.I.T.C.H. Tigard-Tualatin at Calvin Presbyterian Church  
10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224

**MINUTES**

**Members present:**

Ben Ochs (Chair)  
Shana Hildreth (Secretary)  
Wayne Laird (Treasurer)  
Patricia Saier  
David Uslan  
Debi Lorence (non-voting)

**Staff Present:**

None

**Absent:**

Stephanie Rickert

**CALL TO ORDER** - Ben Ochs (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM in the MITCH open area downstairs at 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224. All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes are not ready for review

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**DISCUSSION**

A. Bank Signatures

The cards will be signed at the June meeting.

Beginning July 1, 2009, these are the authorized signers for the MITCH bank accounts:  
Shana Hildreth, Joel Smith, Wayne Laird, Gordon Fiddes, and Debi Lorence.

B. Letter to Tigard Parents

Board discusses letter contents. Establish the basis for why independent Boards were established.

C. Website Changes

Let Sherwood Charter School know our intentions are to change the website on July 1, 2009. The links will still be on our site, so browsers will still link to their site.

D. Technology Funds

TTSD will apply for them and may pass them through. We have demonstrated interest to TTSD.

E. Bookkeeper Issue

Cathy Aiello agreed to an amount and a payment plan. Board discusses options.

MOTION to pursue judgment against Cathy Aiello

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to pursue judgment in small claims court against Cathy Aiello and Allegro Accounting for the amount Cathy agreed to pay MITCH Charter School.

Patricia Saier seconds the motion.

The Board discusses the motion.

Vote: One Board member votes in favor. Three Board members vote in opposition. The motion fails.

**MOTION to pursue communicate with Cathy Aiello**

Wayne Laird makes a motion to communicate with Cathy Aiello and find out where she is now, and how she intends to pay MITCH Charter School.

David Uslan seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

**BYLAWS**

4.2 The Board discusses the volunteer hour limitation for Board members and consensus is that the rule is fine as it stands.

4.6 The Board discusses flexibility for holding the annual meeting, and consensus is that the Bylaws adequately address this issue.

4.3.1. Variable range (number of Directors) The Board discusses the number of directors.

**MOTION to change the maximum number of Board members allowed in the BYLAWS**

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to change the maximum number of Board members allowed in section 4.3.1 of the Bylaws to "...no fewer than three (3) and no more than nine (9) Directors on the Board."

Wayne Laird seconds the motion.

Vote: 3 Board members vote in favor. 1 Board member votes in opposition. The motion passes.

4.8 The Board discusses electronic meetings for the Board members, and consensus is that the Bylaws adequately address this issue.

**SITE SELECTION**

We need a conditional usage permit for a new K-8 campus. This needs to have a Board vote because it exceeds the approved budget.

**MOTION to pursue a Conditional Use Permit**

Wayne Laird makes a motion to allow up to \$ 15,000 to be spent pursuing a Conditional Use Permit with the city of Tualatin.

David Uslan seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

The Board discusses the rough draft of the letter to the potential landlord.

**MOTION to send letter to the potential landlord in Tualatin**

Wayne Laird makes a motion to approve Nick Gantman to send the proposed letter as amended. Shana Hildreth seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

**ADDING SIXTH GRADE**

Calvin Presbyterian wants to review the MITCH area on June 9, 2009. Shana and Patricia will assist. Board questions whether TTSD or parents will accept a last minute notice. Debi Lorence reports that we will lose at least 5 students if we are able to start teaching sixth grade. We are still aggressively pursuing sixth grade because there is sufficient interest. We can have a teacher lined up for sixth grade, if needed. Tigard Christian campus does not look good unless we can teach sixth through eighth grade. There is Board consensus on this.

**RELATIONSHIP WITH CALVIN**

The Board discusses our relationship with Calvin Presbyterian. We have a lease contract for next year.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

Patricia Saier says that we need more eyes in order to get a new campus.

Debi Lorence states that MITCH will ask kindergarteners to pay a full fair share in 2010-2011

Wayne Laird says that the Board needs to set long range goals.

**FINAL ADJOURNMENT** Meeting is adjourned at 9:00 PM.

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday June 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM at M.I.T.C.H. Tigard-Tualatin in Calvin Presbyterian Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224