

COASTAL EMPIRE MONTESSORI COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION (CEMCO)

BOARD EXECUTIVE SESSION

25 October 2007

Members Present: Dr. David Lerch – Board President
Ms Ann Monahan – Board Vice President
Mr. Ben Price
Mr. Sanford Jones
Mr. George Bowen

Board Attorney: Mr. Michael Graham

Executive Session opened at 3:10 PM

Real Estate - Board advised of effort to create a TAD (Tax Allocation District) by Jack Wardlaw. Effort underway to secure a \$30 million TAD with \$5 million set aside to construct CEMCO School Details of the process and how this would impact CEMCO were unclear. Board ask Ben Price to contact Jack Wardlaw and secure details of the process and how the mechanics of the TAD financing would impact CEMCO. Board also ask Ben Price to inquire as to whether Jack Wardlaw could do the site survey, required compaction test and assist with any required permits. All these items have to be completed prior to the Board approaching Self Help for a loan to lease temporary classrooms and office space. Also need plan to site portable so that they do not have to be relocated when construction on permanent facility begins. Imperative this data be available by next board meeting as time is of the essence.

Personnel – Discussed process of hiring personnel for the school. It was agreed that Ann Monahan would chair the Selection committee with Sanford Brown as a committee member and others to be selected by Ann Monahan. Board suggested that Ms Monahan look into getting a School Board member to join the hiring committee as well as the principal when hired. Salary for selected personnel to correspond to existing district salary scales. Board agreed that personnel hired would be at or near the entry level of the salary scale. Selected personnel will be paid a stipend for summer training consistent with current district practice; however some or all of the stipend may not be paid until the start of the school year.

Contract for Montessori Training - Board accepted proposal from Sanford Brown to provide training to staff personnel for a fee of \$50 thousand. After some discussion it was proposed that fee be increased to \$60 thousand to cover other cost that will be incurred during training. Sanford Jones to pay any cost for outside trainers and materials. Detailed agreement to be formalized by the Board Attorney and Mr. Jones. Motion to accept made by Ms Ann Monahan and seconded by Dr. David Lerch. Call for vote resulted in unanimous approval.

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GENERAL SESSION

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Members Present:

Dr. David Lerch – Board President

Ms Ann Monaghan Board Vice President

Mr. George Bowen – Acting Secretary

Mr. Sanford Jones

Mr. Ben Price

Board Attorney – Mr. Michael Graham

Call to Order

General Session called to order by Board President Dr. Lerch

AGENDA

Dr. Lerch called for a motion to approved agenda

Motion – Ann Monaghan

Second – George Bowen

State Department of Education Meeting.

Discussion – Dr. Lerch advised board of results of recent State Department of Education meeting he and Ms. Monahan attended. The state is looking at radical changes to the approval of Charter Schools. If

approved, it has the effect of limiting or bypassing local school boards. This is a concern to CEMCO and it was agreed we would monitor the process to insure CEMCO has an opportunity for input.

Amendment to CEMCO Charter.

Dr. Lerch submitted an amendment to the CEMCO Charter he drafted in response to Chatham County's Superintendent of Schools request for an amendment to the charter. Dr. Lockamy felt that the amendment was necessary because the delay in opening the school. The amendment was reviewed and the Board agreed to accept the document as written with the stipulation that if the Chatham County Board of Education ask that the changes be highlighted, said changes would be so highlighted and resubmitted to the district school board.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Ben Price and seconded by Mr. George Bowen. Motion approved unanimously.

Seed Money - Mr. Ben Price identified the need for the Board to pursue seed money to cover start up cost of the CEMCO School. He identified several community leaders he felt could assist in this effort. Board agreed this is a worthwhile effort to pursue and Mr. Price is taking the lead to kick this off.

Motion to adjourn made by George Bowen and seconded by Ann Monahan. Board adjourned at 5:05PM