

Sabillasville Environmental School

Board of Directors Meeting

March 9, 2026 6:05 PM

Members in attendance: Shelby Green, Justine Roger, Emily Darling, Alisha Yocum, Denny Willard, Kara Wolf,

Remote: Jeff Finch, Barb Doney, Konnar Pruett, Sheena Talley, Robert Black, Jan Boden

- I. Approval of the agenda as submitted was moved by E Darling and seconded by S Green.
- II. Alisha called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM. There was no public comment.
- III. Approval for the December Minutes with the addition of a dollar sign in the Financial Report was moved by J Finch, and seconded by R Black. Approval passed unanimously.
- IV. Financials(J. Finch)
 - A. Jeff created an edit in the financials with the updated PPA in correlation to the enrolment numbers from the September cut off. This adjustment shows us operating at a deficit YTD of \$60,248. Jeff also noted that we had been charged for a career charge in the November financials but there is a corresponding offset in the FCPS revenue. S. Green moved for approval, seconded by J. Roger, the board passed unanimously.
- V. Principals Report (S. Talley)
 - A. Upcoming Events: Recently held a successful STEAM night.
 - B. Enrollment- We are still at 197 students enrolled. The enrollment committee is working on participation in the Thurmont Green Event.
 - C. School Improvement- iReady Math school improvement team dug into the strengths, trends, weaknesses, and next steps. We have shown substantial growth in Math, but working on proficiency. Our middle school is testing higher than TMS. iReady reading shows we are in the middle of the pack in growth compared to our local feeder schools.
 - D. Facilities- Looking to upgrade the bulletin board in the front lobby and office to upgrade the display capability in those areas. Sheena is working on that with the tech team.
- VI. Facilities (A. Yocum)
 - A. Blacktop- We will be patching the potholes in the driveway when the ground dries out.
 - B. Greenhouse- Looking to get together the 18th weather depending, shooting to get done before Spring break.
 - C. Brick Wall Repair- In progress.
 - D. Potomac Edison- Not a significant impact in savings for upgrades. Potomac Edison will only pay for 10% not 90%. Alisha will go back and ask about our ability to choose which upgrades we make. There are a few with significant savings, and several lights that could be replaced for enhancing functionality of those spaces.

- E. Storage- The board agreed to price out a storage container that could be set on sight and hold the old classroom furniture and such to clear off the stage and make it easier to use the chairs in the auditorium.
- VII. Grants-
- A. MD Alliance Grant- Working to close out this grant as we spent all the funds. Waiting on FCPS demand to reclassify certain items in the budget that was submitted. Once agreed upon we will be able to officially close out. We may have to complete one more quarterly report as we work through this.
- VIII. MSDE Charter Funding Regulations (A. Yocum) Alisha gave an update on the legislation. This has moved onto public comment. Now that the public comment period for facility enhancement has ended we will push communication to parents about this public comment opportunity.
- IX. Restaurant Nights (E. Darling) We agreed to set up quarterly restaurant fundraising nights. Emily is going to get the ball rolling.
- X. Lottery (A. Yocum) There are wait lists on all all grades currently except for 8th grade. Closes March 15th and drawing is March 19th.
- XI. Events (A. Yocum):
- A. FCPS Charter School Session- There was a large turnout but was evident that most of the attendees were there for the other schools. The environment was not conducive to our culture and we agreed that we would only participate in future joint efforts if the other schools show more initiative in the planning and preparations.
 - B. Advocacy Day- Extremely positive feedback from senators and staff. Students had a valuable experience in sharing their stories.
 - C. Outdoor Bingo- Extremely successful. We are still working on counting expenses to figure a gross profit.
 - D. Annual Report to FCPS Board is scheduled for March 25th.
- XII. PTO updates (K. Wolf)-
- A. March 2nd was the STEAM night and PTO provided the snacks.
 - B. Mountain Fest 50th Anniversary- Planning to give away 2 \$500 scholarships to any student looking to further their education in an agricultural field. Will be held on October 10 & 11th.
 - C. Looking for volunteers to help with the Trolley Trail clean up when the weather warms up some more.
 - D. The next meeting will be Monday March 30th at 6pm.
- XIII. Motion to Adjourn was made by S. Green , Seconded by J. Roger. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 and moved to the closed session.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelby Green