

CLC Special Board Meeting — September 9, 2003

Present: Kosta Dussias, Heidi Fletcher, Julie Danna, Linda Bergeman, Darlene Fink, Barbara Bliss, Donna Fischer, Denise Kochersperger, John Tucker, Elisabeth Tucker, Beth Shirey

Absent: None.

The Board meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Announcements: None.

New Business:

A special meeting was called to discuss the insinuatingly libelous "Letters to the Editor" entered by Michael Hecht in the Center Daily Times editorial section. The topic discussed was possible CLC reaction to the editorial and what would be in the best interest of CLC.

The two derogatory letters to the CDT came from a former CLC employee and her husband. The Board discussed that the best response at this time would be to have an attorney contact the CDT stating that CLC would contract an attorney if further slanderous letters are printed without appropriate research and facts. Heidi motioned to contact an attorney (preferable pro-bono) to send a letter to the CDT to state that further slanderous letters should not be printed. John Tucker seconded and the action passed unanimously and Kosta agreed to contact the attorney.

The Board also discussed responsibility for providing information to the media in the future. Several people were suggested, but the consensus was that Kosta Dussias would be the best person for this responsibility. A discussion regarding Kosta's experience and ability to portray the school in a fair and positive light was led by Donna Fischer. Kosta answered questions by the Board members to their satisfaction. The Board believes he will be honest, fair and positive in his dealings with the public regarding CLC. Julie Danna motioned to accept Kosta as the primary public spokesperson. When a candidate for ECO has been hired, he will hold this responsibly jointly. The Board authorizes no other personnel to deal directly with the media without prior approval from the Business Manager, the ECO, or the Board. Questions addressed regarding public statements to the teachers, students, Board Members and parents are to be deferred to Kosta or the ECO. Darlene Fink seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be 9/22/03, at 6:30 p.m.