**Huntersville Charter High School BOD Meeting Minutes**

**Location:** Dale’s residence and Zoom call – Remote meeting
**Date:** November 17, 2020

**Time:** 9:30 – 11:30

**Attendance**

Chair - Jim Secunda

Vice Chair – Dale Halton

Secretary – Sarah McAulay

Treasurer – Lauren Nicholson

Executive Director Aspire Carolinas – Jennifer Nichols

**Agenda Items**

1. **Review of meeting minutes (last month)**

Meeting minutes approved.

1. **Trade High School**
2. Jennifer met with Mike Sears and Nancy Harris. They run JFK High School (vocational public high school) in Winston-Salem. They offer brick laying, culinary, and electrical. They have said it is hard to find instructors that are certified NC teachers. As a charter school 49% of our staff can be industry certified which will help us find qualified applications for the vocational teaching positions.
3. Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) – they are very interested in working with us. They offer trainings and certification. They would like to work with us on our apprenticeship placements.
4. Blythe Construction visited our site, they may want to work with us on heavy equipment operators as part of our curriculum. There is a shortage of heavy equipment operators in the US as most are set to retire in the next few years.
5. Donor Updates
* Home Depot Foundation – We will resubmit our grant request in February 2021.
* Novant – Liesl West – we are still trying to reschedule our meeting.
* We are working hard to find contacts to speak with at TIMCON, Amazon, and Siemens.
* Jim will try and get a lunch with Greg Gombar, Hendrick family representative, and Marcus Smith (NASCAR) if HCHS will offer automotive.
* Coca-Cola – still working on.
1. **Schedule next meeting**

Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 15th at Dale’s residence.