

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS OF MOULTON SCHOOL  
HELD AT THE SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2008 AT 7.00 PM**

**PRESENT**; Mr G Otley (Chair), Mrs A Jeffrey (Vice-Chair), Mr S Barrack, Revd P Breckwoldt, Mr R Chapman, Cllr D Cribbin, Mrs A Dabbs, Messrs J Hancock, M Henderson, R Hollis, T Jones, Ms R Lucas, Mrs F Polnyj, Cllr Mrs J Shephard, Mr S Uden, Dr M Walley.

**37/08 APOLOGIES**

Ms J Brake Mrs L Proctor.

**38/08 FOUNDATION SCHOOL STATUS**

Mr Jones outlined the purpose of the meeting. Governors had previously received a paper on changing to a Foundation School

Mr Otley welcomed Mr Rob McDonough and invited him to address the meeting.

Mr McDonough explained that he is the headteacher at The West Bridgford High School in Nottingham and that he is also involved with the Foundation and Aided Schools National Association.

Mr McDonough went on to explain about Foundation Schools and the benefits of becoming one. He covered ownership of the school's land and buildings, liability for health and safety issues, employment of staff, payroll, charitable status, and admissions code and appeals procedure. A new Instrument of Government would be required.

Mr Jones said that he had looked at foundation status previously and he felt that now is the right time to consider it. However, he also said that he had no intention of changing the fundamental nature of the school, for example, by becoming selective.

Mr McDonough then answered questions covering LA attitude, financial implications, governors' liability, external funding, timescale including date of implementation, the transfer of land, consultation with interested parties, support staff pensions, and local academy schools.

Governors voted unanimously to take the process on to the consultation stage.