

Minutes of The Greenspire School  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
October 15th, 2018

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall. Present: Kurt Sanford, Steve Cousins, Yvette Ringsmuth (departed at 6:38 pm), Tara Ward, Meagan Batdorff, Laura Oblinger, Matthew Missias. Superintendent Kevin Kelly was also present.
- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:** None
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Cousins to approve the regular minutes dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, seconded by Ward; voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None
- V. **Recognitions:** None
- VI. **Board Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Presentations:** David Mengebier, President & CEO from the Grand Traverse Community Foundation provided an overview of the function of the foundation. The five counties served by the foundation are: Leelanau, GT, Antrim, Kalkaska and Benzie. Sanford requested clarification regarding matches and planned gifts. Mengebier stated that they do not yet have funds that support a specific school like Greenspire, although they do have funds allocated for education. The board discussed support for using GT Regional Community Foundation.
- VIII. **Reports:**
  - a. Superintendent's Report: Kelly provided enrollment update and recapped the fundraising efforts of the Harvest dinner. Kelly also provided a review of the high school committee. The committee decided to contract with Laughton Gallagher to facilitate a focus group study to determine the feasibility of a high school.
  - b. President's Report: None
  - c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reported unidentified costs in the budget regarding health benefit costs. Batdorff reviewed current fund balance and provided a comparison of past years. Kelly stated that there will be long range planning for health care costs in the future.
  - d. Committee Reports:
    - i. Facilities/Finance: None
    - ii. Personnel: Missias reported that Susan Taylor, Special Education teacher, has reached maximum capacity of 504 students. Kelly is working on solutions with the ISD and will provide a report at the next committee meeting. Kelly reported that a 1-year waiver for Marina Call as the World Language teacher has been obtained. Missias reported that there was approval to raise the substitute pay to \$13.00/hour, which is in alignment with other schools in the district.

- iii. Curriculum: Ward reviewed September's curriculum committee meeting regarding potential charter authorizers. She also reported that the current math and world language program was reviewed along with staff professional development over the summer. Ward mentioned compliance with the technology plan. Kelly will seek advice from TCAPS regarding keeping this plan updated. There was discussion of the school improvement committee being part of the curriculum committee beginning in January.
- iv. Faculty summary: Staff representative, Sarah Payette, reported on behalf of the staff. The staff is in favor of supporting GVSU as our reauthorizer and are anticipating providing input in the Superintendent's evaluation.
- v. Family/Teacher Council: Kelly reported that the committee reviewed current fundraising efforts. Other upcoming events were discussed.

**IX. Discussion Items:**

- a. Reauthorization Process: Sanford reviewed answers to questions from SVSU in regards staff coursework and NWEA testing. GVSU's board of directors will be voting on November 2<sup>nd</sup> about reauthorizing Greenspire. Sanford suggested that the board discuss acceptance of the potential GVSU offer or continue with phase II for SVSU. Batdorff reported that SVSU's phase two deadline is not realistic. Kelly suggested that SVSU stick to the original deadline for the phase II. Missias reminded the board that because of conflicts of interest he would abstain from the discussion of reauthorization vote. All other board members discussed support for GVSU.
- b. Middle School Expansion: Kelly reported that the expansion is on hold until there is a remedy for the traffic situation.
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  - i. Traffic Flow: Three possible remedies are currently being examined. The civil engineer will provide details of these options in regards to feasibility and costs involved. Greenspire, ISD, Minervini Group and Garden Club will meet to reach a consensus. Once Garfield Township approves the traffic flow solution the Land Transfer language and Cornerstone Architects are ready to do the preliminary work to fill in the footprint of the addition. Survey work may be complicated by impended snow fall.
  - ii. Survey: See above
  - iii. Land Transfer Language: See above
  - iv. Building Design Process
- d. High School Expansion: Sanford suggested visiting and walking the perimeters of the 6 potential properties. Cousins reported meeting with Todd Neibauer to discuss a high school partnership with NMC. Kelly plans to meet with Neibauer.
- e. Superintendent's Evaluation: Missias reported that the MASB evaluation process will need to shift from February to November. The MASB has targeted six standards for evaluation of Superintendent Kelly under closed session during the November board meeting. Board members are requested to review the tool and pay attention to the six targeting dimensions (A1, B2, C4, D1, E2, E6). Kelly reminded the board that student growth component for measurement will not be available until March. Kelly also reminded the board that staff input is mandatory and determination of how to derive this still needs to be decided.

**X. Action Items**

- e. Board Meeting Date Change: November 12<sup>th</sup> in lieu of November 19, 2018.  
Motion made by Oblinger, seconded by Missias. Voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays.

**XI. Public Comment:** Kara Peck, current parent, addressed the board to offer her support as a volunteer.

**XII. Adjournment:** Motion by Oblinger adjourn meeting, seconded by Batdorff; voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Sarah Payette  
Recording Secretary