

Minutes of The Greenspire School
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
October 17th, 2016

I. Call to Order & Roll Call: Vice-President Raymond Minervini called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. The meeting was held in the Math Commons area. Present: Matthew Missias, Tara Ward, Dodd Russell, Meagan Batdorff, Raymond Minervini. Absent: Kurt Sanford.

II. Changes or Additions to Agenda: None

III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion by Matthew Missias to approve the regular meeting minutes dated September 19th, 2016, seconded by Ward, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

IV. Public Comment: None

V. Recognitions: The Cerulean Center was recognized by the board for the organization of the first-ever "Bioblitz" at the Sleeping Bear Dunes.

VI. Board Correspondence: None

VII. Presentations: 2015-16 Parent Survey Results. Kelly presented the results of the survey from last spring.

VIII. Reports:

a. Superintendent Report: Kelly reviewed fundraising, the Harvest Festival collected \$3,385 and the school is grateful to our sponsors. The Haunted Forest is up next week and will share 25% with the Make a Wish foundation. He also clarified a previous discussion of the open meetings act, specifically who has the authority to request a closed meeting in the case of a complaint or discipline issue of an employee. Only the employee has the discretion to request an open or closed meeting. The board can still call a closed meeting for any other reason within the law.

b. President's Report: None

c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reviewed report.

d. Committee Reports

i. Finance/Facilities: Under discussion item a.

iii. Grants/Advancement: No report.

v. Family/Teacher Council: Ward reported a lower attendance but still a good meeting. Reviewed events coming up at school. Looking for someone to handle Farm Raiser. A parent is looking into an order for shirts.

vi. Personnel: Missias reported two items are under action items and there was an update on the P.E. teacher.

vii. Curriculum: Ward reported that they reviewed parent survey results as well the alumni survey. Also discussed part time PE position.

Viii. Board Member Recruitment: No report.

IX. Discussion Items:

a. Potential High School Land Search; Kelly reviewed building plans. First, renovations to Maple this year. Second, an additional building connected to Spruce. Third, the addition of a

high school in the future. Board discussed property and boundaries, need to approach the Conservancy to discuss. Board discussed a couple of land possibilities for high school and whether this avenue should be taken right now. Ward expressed concern of taking on too much for the health of the organization, Missias stated he thought it was a good time to start looking. Batdorff acknowledged it is a huge undertaking to open a high school, as well as the board would need to look closer at what type of school will this be, curriculum, educational planning, etc. Minervini suggested the finance committee start researching possibilities. Board discussed needing to identify needs of a high school; how much land, amenities, location, etc. Separate the two projects of meeting the needs of the middle school, and a future high school. Discussed having some kind of roadmap and/or updating the strategic plan. Create a vision that can be published or put out in public to get input and possibly help to guide the process. Possibly an exploration committee made up of parents, teachers, staff, and board members. Board stated it is comfortable with exploring possible property sites for a high school, with future strategic planning.

b. Fall 2013 Policy Updates; Ward and Batdorff reviewed the policies and had concerns that they will pass on to Kevin who will take it to the Charter Institute for consultation and then bring it back for review.

X. Action Items:

- a. Spring 2016 Policy Updates; Missias moves to table until next month, Ward seconded, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. Formal Complaint Policy; Missias motioned to adopt policy 9130, second by Batdorff, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.
- c. Changes in Compensation
- i. Substitute Teachers; Ward motioned to adopt pay increase for substitute teachers, second by Batdorff, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.
- ii. Corey Hansen; Missias motioned to increase salary by 15%, second by Ward, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

XI. Public Comment: None

XII. Adjournment: Motion by Missias to adjourn meeting, second by Russell, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Eric Breithaupt
Recording Secretary