

Minutes of The Greenspire School  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
October 20, 2014  
*Approved*

**Call to Order:**

Vice-President Raymond Minervini called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. The meeting was held in the Math Commons area.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Kurt Sanford (5:40 p.m.), Raymond Minervini, Blythe Skarshaug, Michele Worden, Tara Ward, Dawn Oh, and Gina Aranki. Absent: None.

**Changes or Additions to Agenda:**

None

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion by Aranki, second by Worden to approve the regular meeting agenda for October 20th, 2014. Voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**Recognitions:**

Former School Principal Sarah Johnson was recognized by being awarded the 2014 Founders Award at The Greenspire Harvest Celebration on October 10th.

**Presentation:**

- a. A presentation by Greenspire student Jakob Gale on The Greenspire Film Arts Elective that will be offered during second quarter.
- b. Kevin Kelly, Head of School, reported on the Michigan Association of Public School Academies Fall Conference. He reported the conference was about excellence in leadership, with excellent general sessions related to identifying grantors and alternative source funding.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Board Correspondence:**

None

**Board Reports:**

- a. Treasurer's Report: Worden reviewed the balance sheet and cash flow projections.
- b. Committee Reports
  1. Finance: Sanford spoke to the deficit and everyone's work to reduce the deficit.
  2. Facilities: Minervini reported that the State has been petitioned to accept a much smaller amount for the deed restriction, allowing the school to decrease the amount needed to be held in escrow. Sanford reported that a search is underway for solar panels to power the greenhouse.

3. Grants and Advancement: Aranki reported she is currently working on the Michigan Youth Arts grant for \$2000 for art supplies. Also looking at Rotary and Grand Traverse Band. Worden reviewed the advancement report.
4. Family Council: Ward reported on the purpose and are changing the name to the Family and Teacher Council. Teachers are invited to join and bring an agenda item.
5. Personnel: Oh reported on the staffing changes and front desk coverage.
6. Board Nominations: None
7. President's Report: None
8. Head of School Report: Kelly reported on student enrollment, parent teacher conferences, technology, public service project, the school directory, and safety drills.

**Discussion Items:**

- a. Deficit Reduction Proposal: Kelly reviewed the draft deficit reduction plan.
- b. Initial Governance Recommendations from the Head of School
  1. Discretionary Spending Cap Proposal; formal proposal to be brought forward at November meeting
  2. Discussion/Action Item Due Process Proposal
- c. Board Committee Structure Proposal
  1. Creation of a Curriculum & Programs Committee
  2. Separation of the Grants & Advancement Committee
  3. Work Study Sessions
- d. Sabbatical Policy

**Action Items:**

None

**Consent Agenda:**

None

**Closed Session:**

**Public Comment:**

None

**Upcoming Events:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Sanford adjourns meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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Eric Breithaupt  
Recording Secretary