



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of October 28, 2019

- I. **Call to Order.** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order of The Greenspire School at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall.

a. Roll Call

Present were:

Board Members: President Kurt Sanford
 Vice Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth
 Tara Ward
 Meagan Batdorff
 Steve Cousins
 Ward Kuhn

Greenspire Staff: Superintendent Kevin Kelly
 Recording Secretary Sarah Payette

II. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

None requested

III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.**

Babin-Ringsmuth reported that she was present during the last meeting, though it was noted otherwise.

Motion made by Kuhn and seconded by Babin-Ringsmuth to approve meeting minutes dated September 16, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval: Minutes

- IV. **Public Comment.** There was no public comment at this time.

- V. **Recognitions.** There were no recognitions received at this time.

- VI. **Board Correspondence.** There was no correspondence or public comment at this time.

VII. **Presentations.**

- a. FY 18/19 Audited Financial Statement, David Nielsen, Maner Costerisan: provided a report of Greenspire's financial statement.
- b. Axios HR representatives, Kelly Haines and Blythe Kazmierczak, provided information regarding the possible partnership with Greenspire. Board Q and A ensued. Kelly reported that a comparison will be made between AccessPoint and Axios next month.

VIII. **Reports**

- a. Superintendent's Report: Kelly provided a synapse of events from the past month including an enrollment update and the first round NWEA testing.
- b. President's Report: Sanford shared the invitation of the inauguration of the president of GVSU on Friday, Nov. 15th.
- c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reported state funding disappointment for charter schools. Batdorff explained current education funding systems in the state of Michigan. Batdorff reported predicted cash flow projection and variance for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- d. Authorizer's Report: Missias reported school performance reports will be released this fall. GVSU is interested in profiling a Greenspire board member for their report. New board member orientation will take place early November. Missias expressed apologies for lack of marketing of PBL Academy through GVSU. Missias reviewed the resolution of the veto of per pupil increase for charter schools. Suggestions were provided for the board to respond to the veto.
- e. Committee Reports
 - 1. Facilities & Finance: Kelly reported an interest in investment of mechanical doors with cameras and that the weather station equipment will be delivered soon. Batdorff reported that the CD has been cured after refinancing. Charitable Foundation donations can be earmarked for Greenspire and authorizers have been updated. A separate Charitable Foundation Board meeting will be scheduled next month. Sanford explained the management of funds of the Charitable Foundation.
 - 2. High School Expansion: Sanford reported a desire to discuss the land transfer again with Garfield Township for the possible Middle School expansion. Batdorff reported favor in submitting an expansion grant preliminarily in winter or spring. Batdorff reviewed timeline of the grant and potential road blocks. Sanford reported asking Greenspire's realtor to continue looking at potential sites.
 - 3. Personnel: Babin-Ringsmuth reported new hire of Tejas Mehta and the return of Emily Feaster from maternity leave. Babin-Ringsmuth shared a desire to use the PBL Academy material for future endeavors to draw in new educators.
 - 4. Curriculum: Ward reported that the curriculum committee will also serve as the School Improvement Team. Kelly Francisco will serve as the staff representative. The administrative team is still considering parents to be a part of the school improvement team.
 - 5. Faculty Summary: Kris Galoci represented the staff and reported gratitude to have Tejas join the staff full time.

6. Student Support Council: Kelly reported on behalf of Cabrera. He noted an increase in attendance and reported that the food pantry is robust with ample provisions of students in need.

IX. Discussion Items

- a. Advancement/Fund Development
 - i. Grant Writer Position: Board discuss the finances to support a grant writer position and the timing of this position. Batdorff shared concerns on the lack of return on the investment. Board agreed to revisit in the spring.
 - ii. Advancement Committee: Sanford recommended creating an advancement committee.
- b. Agile Project Management Strategy: Discussion moved to next month, when Cabrera is in attendance.
- c. Board Leadership Absences: Board, sans Sanford, discussed using the Vice President as the acting President during Sanford's absence. Kelly raised concerns of meeting quorum during these months.

Ward made motion to excused Sanford from being present at board meetings from December to June with duties of presidency covered by Vice Chair, Babin-Ringsmuth.

Batdorff seconded; motion passed.
- d. Credit Card Limit Increase: Kelly explained the need to increase the credit limit on Chase Credit Card to spend budgeted funds.

Ward made motion to increase credit card limit to \$10,000.

Babin-Ringsmuth seconded; motion passed.
- e. Strategic Planning: Discussion tabled as 2 board members are not present.
 - i. Date
 - ii. Location
 - iii. Goals/Agenda Items

X. Action Items

- a. FY19.20 State Budget Resolution:

Ward made motion to adopt resolution.

Babin-Ringsmuth seconded; motion passed. Board discussed crafting a resolution independently of MAPSA. GVSU representative, Missias, encouraged the board to adopt a resolution in support of restoring funding, with a separate crafted statement.

- b. Tejas Mehta Employment

Babin-Ringsmuth made motion. Ward seconded; motion passed.

- c. December Board Meeting Date Change: December 9th, 2019.

Babin-Ringsmuth made motion. Kuhn seconded; motion passed.

- d. Revised resolution statement reads "The Greenspire School Board of Education urges passage of SB555 and HB5078 to restore the foundation of allowance for charter public schools.

Ward moved to adopted statement. Babin-Ringsmuth seconded; motion passed.

- e. Superintendent's Evaluation: Kelly requested to have a closed session for his evaluation. Babin-Ringsmuth made motion to adjourn open session. Batdorff seconded; motion passed.

XI. Closed Session

a. Roll Call

Present were:

President Kurt Sanford
Vice Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth
Meagan Batdorff
Ward Kuhn
Tara Ward

5 yeas, 0 nays

The board discussed the performance of the superintendent and the primary standards to be used in that process for 2019-2020.

XII. Public Comment

None

XIII. Adjournment

Sanford made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Kuhn, seconded by Sanford.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.