

Minutes of The Greenspire School
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
November 17, 2014
Approved

Call to Order:

President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. The meeting was held in the Math Commons area.

Roll Call:

Present: Kurt Sanford, Raymond Minervini, Gina Aranki, Blythe Skarshaug, Michele Worden, Tara Ward (5:34 p.m.). Absent: Dawn Oh.

Changes or Additions to Agenda:

None

Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Skarshaug, second by Worden to approve the regular meeting agenda for November 17th, 2014. Voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Recognitions:

Eight Greenspire students were recognized for their work on The Greenspire School Haunted Forest Committee. They received a certificate for their hard work, leadership, and running a successful event.

Presentation:

FY 13-14 Audit Summary by Dave Nielson, CPA, Maner Costerisan.

Public Comment:

None

Board Correspondence:

None

Board Reports:

- a. Treasurer's Report: Worden reviewed the Balance Sheet noting the State Aid Note Payable was paid in October and the Unreserved Fund Balance which has changed due to a General Fund Budget Amendment.
- b. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance: Kelly reported on the amended budget proposal, copy of audit summary, head of school and officer spending caps, and the proposal for removing the public purpose restriction update from the State of Michigan.
 - ii. Facilities: Sanford and Minervini reported on the State response to the letter from the school regarding the deed restrictions.
 - iii. Grants: Aranki reported on three grants that are due in December.
 - iv. Advancement: Worden reviewed the Advancement Dashboard.
 - v. Family Council: None
 - vi. Personnel: Deferred to Head of School report.

- vii. Board Nominations: None.
- viii. President's Report: Sanford reported being encouraged by the audit report and the success of the fundraiser's so far, as well as the community feedback he receives about the school.
- ix. Head of School Report: Kelly acknowledged the staff present at the meeting and the new parent/student directory. He gave an enrollment update and staffing update on the replacement of special education teacher, Katie Tomczyk. He gave an update on the school's response to the local outbreak of pertussis. He reported on the change in the half day schedule due to a change in the State regulations. Any half day will now end at 12:15 instead of 11:30 for the remainder of the year. He gave a technology update, and also reviewed the upcoming events. He discussed the expansion of committees, his upcoming scheduled school visits, and acknowledged the appreciation of the staff to be able to meet with President Kurt Sanford over lunch.

Discussion Items:

- a. Committee Structure
 - i. Review Current Membership, Time & Place
 - ii. Membership, Time, and Place for Curriculum Committee
 - iii. Membership, Time, and Place for Grant Committee- discussed meeting at 4:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month.

Action Items:

- a. Motion by Worden, second by Ward to approve the Board Membership recommendations of the renewal of Blythe Skarshaug and Gina Aranki. Voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Skarshaug, second by Aranki to approve the Spending Thresholds. Voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- c. Motion by Aranki, second by Worden to deny the proposed Sabbatical Leave Policy. Voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

None

Closed Session:

None

Public Comment:

Teacher Will Havill commented on the importance of having some reimbursement for teachers as they have to take classes to keep their certification. Parent Lisa Robitshek, and her son, Noah, thanked the Board for their time.

Upcoming Events:

None

Adjournment:

Sanford adjourns meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Eric Breithaupt
Recording Secretary