



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of November 18, 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  
Meagan Batdorff  
Steve Cousins  
Ward Kuhn  
Marco Cabrera- Late

Greenspire Staff: Assistant Head of School Sarah Payette  
Recording Secretary Emily Feaster  
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## II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

None requested

## III. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.

Babin-Ringsmuth reported that it should read synopsis not synapse in section 8.E.2 it should read "Batdorf reported in favor" instead of "Batdorf reported favor."

Ward reported that we needed to include that we voted to open the closed session as well as that we voted to return to open session.

Ward reported in section 10.d it should be "The Greenspire School Board of Education urges passage of SB555 and HB5078 to restore the foundation allowance for charter public schools."

Motion made by Kuhn and seconded by Babin-Ringsmuth to approve meeting minutes dated October 28, 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. There were no presentations at this meeting.

## VIII. Reports

a. Superintendent's Report: Payette reported one student has left. We will remain at 129 until the start of next semester. We have a waitlist of 18 students. Students are currently preparing for the giving season.

b. President's Report: Sanford shared that we will stay with Accesspoint through the remainder of the school year. Accesspoint agreed to dropped its fee by \$5,000. We will reevaluate mid-year.

c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reported we have received the \$11,500 in interest income after the CD was closed out. Our budget is still extremely tight.

d. Authorizer's Report: Missias reported the resolution language has been passed onto the governor's office. There is still no agreement to restore the \$240 per pupil. There is optimism that something may pass in early January. Missias encouraged everyone to contact their local representatives. The school performance report will be coming out soon. Currently reviewing each school's academic data to see if we meet the criteria for an academic grant. MAPSA symposium is December 11th and 12th and will cost \$400 per person. Tara and Mark went to the inauguration and stated it was very nice. Marco went to training on the 5th and wanted more information about onboard training through GVSU. All training is open to anyone for free. GVSU does not offer sexual harassment training.

e. Committee Reports

1. Facilities & Finance: Sanford reported that doors in the back of spruce need to be replaced and video monitors installed early next year. Weather station needs to be installed.

2. School Expansion Committee: Sandford reported that the bill to pass Purple Drive but was not approved. Wayne Schmitt will try again next year. There was a discussion of 3 different possible drop off stations including a possible station at New Campus. Staff members would be at each drop off station. The next step will be to discuss the plan with a civil engineer. We still need a mission and vision statement for highschool. We are also still working on finding real estate for the high school.

3. Personnel: Babin-Ringsmuth reported teaching staff is back to normal staffing levels and that they are happy to have Emily back. Math and Science are both going very well. Katie seems to be focused on being here permanently. Kevin is looking for sexual harassment training.

4. Curriculum: Nothing to report at this time.

5. Faculty Summary: Marina Call represented the staff and had nothing to report.

6. Student Support Council: Cabrera reported that it has been going very well with continued parent interest. The food pantry has made about 1,800 lunches for the students so far this year.

## **IX. Discussion Items**

a. Agile Project Management Strategy: Cabrera summarized the Agile Project Management strategy. Sanford suggested starting with having the staff take a look at it and decide if they would like to use it, then report back to the board on how best to move forward. Cousins is in favor of this strategy. Batdorff supports as well as Babin-Ringsmuth, but suggests discussing with the staff and seeing if there is a need before implementing the strategy. Cabrera is willing to come in during a staff meeting and present the strategy to the staff.

b. Strategic Planning: Looking for a facilitator with the help of GVSU

i. Date: March 6th, 2020

ii. Location: University Center

iii. Goals/Agenda Items: Ward sent tentative ideas to all board members to discuss at the next board meeting

## **X. Action Items**

a. Fall 2019 Policy Updates

Sanford made a motion to approve policy updates, Kuhn seconded, motion passed. Motion carried unanimously.

## **XI. Public Comment**

a. Accesspoint received the notification from Kelly and appreciate us staying with them through the remainder of the year or possibly longer.

## **XII. Adjournment**

Sanford made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion made by Kuhn, seconded by Cousins.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.