

**The Greenspire Board of Education  
Special Board Meeting  
March 12, 2020, 5:30 p.m.**

**Open Session  
Minutes**

**Board Members Present:** Tara Ward, Ward Kuhn, Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Marco Cabrera, Meagan Batdorff

**Board Members Absent:** Steve Cousins, Kurt Sanford

**Also Present:** Interim Head of School, Sarah Payette; Interim Superintendent and MLI Consultant, Mike Hill

- I. Call to Order & Roll Call: Babin-Ringsmuth brought the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m.
- II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda: Ringsmuth proposed adding COVID-19 Response to the agenda as Item IV.a. Kuhn moved to add it. Ward seconded. All are in favor.
- III. Public Comment: None offered
- IV. Discussion Items
  - a. COVID-19 Response: TGS is following guidance from the State Health Department and other experts (the Governor, MHSAA, DHHS). Notes about prevention strategies have been sent home with students. A meeting is scheduled tomorrow to talk about TCAPS possibly closing. No one in the TGS community is currently known to have symptoms. Staff are pulling together documents to prepare for possible online learning. Four students do not have Internet. Forty-eight do not have computers. Most teachers would stay home if school were to be closed. We discussed students without computers could take one home, and those without Internet could possibly come to school, or TGS could get Internet for them. Ward moved to add to the agenda Action Item VI.b. COVID-19 Response. Cabrera seconds. All are in favor.
  - b. Update from MLI Head of School/Superintendent Search Process: We have 14 candidates and will discuss each of them
- V. Presentation of Head Of School/Superintendent Candidates
  - a. Hill presented candidacy of candidate #4, William Andrew Habich
  - b. As requested by all other candidates, under Section 8 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, a motion to go into closed session for presentation of

applicant materials was made by Cabrera. Kuhn seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Kuhn yes; Cabrera yes; Batdorff yes; Ward yes, Babin-Ringsmuth yes. Closed Session began at 6:28 p.m.

- VI. Action Items: At 8:33 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session
- a. Board members discussed the candidates, identifying them by number only, except #4 who did not request anonymity. The Board used the selection Criteria developed by students, staff, Board, and families. After some discussion, Kuhn moved that we invite candidates 1,5,6,10,13 and 14 for First Round Interviews. Cabrera seconded. Roll call vote on the selection of six candidates was taken: Kuhn yes; Cabrera yes; Batdorff yes; Ward yes; Babin-Ringsmuth yes.  
Candidates for First Round Interviews for Head of School/Superintendent were presented by name by Hill: Matthew Baughman; David Harwood; Jacob Murray; Brian Shaughnessy; Robert Walker; Turina Zimmer. These six candidates will be interviewed in an open meeting March 23 and 24. Hill will prepare a quick summary of candidates and interview dates. He will contact ALL candidates. He reviewed procedures for interviews. He suggested the following interview schedule: Candidates Baughman, Walker, and Zimmer on March 23; Candidates Harwood, Murray, and Shaughnessy on March 24.
  - b. COVID-19 Reaction Decision: Kuhn makes a motion: If TCAPS closes, TGS should follow suit. Cabrera seconded. All were in favor.
- VII. Adjournment: At 9:32 p.m., Cabrera moved to adjourn. Batdorff seconded. All were in favor.

Minutes submitted by Board Secretary, Tara Ward