

Minutes of The Greenspire School
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
April 17th, 2017
Unapproved

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m. The meeting was held in the Math Commons. Present: Kurt Sanford, Tara Ward, Meagan Batdorff, Dodd Russell. Absent: Raymond Minervini, Matthew Missias.
- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:** Sanford added action item G: change the June 19th board meeting to June 26th.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Ward requested removing 'M-Step scores' and replacing it with 'attendance' under the curriculum committee report. Sanford requested adding to Discussion item A: "M-Step scores were discussed in detail." Motion by Ward to approve the regular meeting minutes with the above changes dated March 20th, 2016, seconded by Russell, voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None
- V. **Recognitions:** None
- VI. **Board Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Presentations:** None
- VIII. **Reports:**
 - a. Superintendent Report: Kelly acknowledged staff member Corey Hansen for being nominated for environmentalist of the year by the Northern Michigan Environmental Action Committee (NMEAC). Board will acknowledge with a card to him. Kelly previewed the school's last project, "Faces of our Nation". Kelly noted that planning for the 8th grade trip and graduation are well underway. The 8th grade trip will be June 7-8 and graduation will take place on June 12.
 - b. President's Report: Sanford reported that the fundraising materials are excellent and thanked the staff for taking the time to create it. He also reported on his conversation with Access Point and the need to look at other companies for providing benefits. After discussing, the board will revisit in the fall.
 - c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reported on the renewal of the annual cash flow loan.
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance/Facilities: Batdorff reviewed report in board packet.

- ii. Personnel: The committee did not meet. Kelly reported two positions are currently posted: half-time math or math/science teacher and half-time PBL coordinator position. First round interviews are scheduled for May 11.
- iii. Curriculum: Ward reported on minutes from meeting. Discussed PBL training, master schedule, comments on the school's position paper on standardized testing, and the current project needs. Sanford asked about replacing Yvette Ringsmuth and Kelly reported that the school will continue to offer world language online and anticipates filling the position for the 2018-19 academic year.
- iv. Family/Teacher Council: Ward reported on March and April meetings. Discussed Spring matching campaign, Mother's Day Brunch on May 14th, Teacher Appreciation Week the week of May 1st. Maple renovation, and a special thank you to Yvette Ringsmuth for her time were also discussed. The Talent Show on April 27th, new student ice cream social is May 4th. The committee also discussed creating a budget line to help defray costs of the 8th grade field trip. Sanford thought it would be a good idea if the budget included some money for the trip.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. 2017-2018 Budget Priorities: Kelly will begin building the 2017-18 budget in the coming weeks with W. Souden of TCAPS. A discussion followed about priorities in the budget. The board affirmed its commitment to raising salaries to retain staff as the top budget priority for 2017-18.

X. Action Items:

- a. Spring 2016 Policy Updates: Motion by Batdorff to defer the Spring 2016 Policy Updates until May 15th, 2017; seconded by Russell, voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. The Greenspire School and Standardized Testing: Motion by Ward to approve the position with amendments and add Academic Intervention & Remediation Strategies, seconded by Batdorff, voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- c. Expansion and Renovation of Maple Hall: no action due to loss of quorum.
- d. Employee Benefit Contribution Levels: Motion by Ward to approve the Employee Benefit Contributions as recommended, seconded by Russell; voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- e. Gourdie-Fraser Survey Contract: Motion by Russell to approve the survey contract, seconded by Batdorff, voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Work is to be deferred until after July 1, 2017.
- f. Board Nomination: Yvette Ringsmuth. Motion by Ward to approve Yvette Ringsmuth to the board, seconded by Batdorff; voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- g. Change the June board meeting from June 19th to June 26th. No action due to loss of quorum.

XI. **Public Comment:** None

XII. **Adjournment:** Motion by Russell to adjourn meeting, second by Ward voice vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Eric Breithaupt
Recording Secretary