

Minutes of The Greenspire School  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
June 25th, 2018

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Science Lab. Present: Kurt Sanford, Steve Cousins, Yvette Ringsmuth, Tara Ward, Matthew Missias. Absent: Dodd Russell, Meagan Batdorff. Prospective board member Laura Oblinger was also in attendance
- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:** Sanford proposed adding a discussion on the high school location for the search committee. Item C, Adopted
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Ward to approve the regular meeting minutes dated June 25th, 2018, seconded by Ringsmuth.; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None.
- V. **Recognitions:** Sanford thanked Dodd Russell for his contributions as a board member.
- VI. **Board Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Presentations:** None
- VIII. **Reports:**
  - a. Superintendent's Report: Kelly reported that the spring policy update has been received. Kelly has invited Peggy Yates from The National Charter Institute to attend a future board meeting to review the policy adoption process. Kelly updated the board on enrollment, fundraising efforts and insurance renewal. He discussed the contract with Mike Hill to work as an administrative coach during the 18-19 academic year.
  - b. President's Report: None
  - c. Treasurer's Report: None
  - d. Committee Reports:
    - i. Facilities/Finance: Committee did not meet but Sanford reported that the appraisal was ordered through Michigan Assessors and is awaiting execution. He also discussed refinancing all long term debt and the timing of this process. He stated that the interior of the school will be painted this summer.
    - ii. Personnel: Ringsmuth reviewed recent hires. Marina Call's path to alternate certification was discussed.
    - iii. Curriculum: Ward reviewed a committee-approved proposal to insure weekly greenhouse/gardening electives going forward. The math program was reviewed and found to be an improvement over the previous approaches. Kelly reported that he has a meeting in Lansing with Department of Education officials to request an exemption from the attendance mandate handed down by the ISD auditor.

- iv. Faculty summary: Feaster stated that the staff recommends Grand Valley State University to the board as Greenspire's new authorizer. Saginaw Valley State University is the staff's second choice. Feaster outlined the reasons for these recommendations.
- v. Family/Teacher Council: Did not meet.

**IX. Discussion Items:**

- a. Traffic flow study: Board discussed the cost estimate and Kelly reported that anything over \$5,000 could not be authorized due to his spending threshold. Kelly will request a guarantee from the vendor that costs will not exceed \$5,000. Sanford requested that Kelly initiate traffic flow discussions with ISD personnel over the summer.
- b. Technology Plan: Kelly reviewed the updated, one year extension to be adopted in August.
- c. High School Committee: Sanford led discussion on the potential radius for sites for a future high school. Ward suggested tallying current students' zip codes to help with determining an appropriate high school location. Cousins shared knowledge of land across from NMC that could be used for high school development. Ringsmuth and Oblinger suggested speaking to Glen Chown from the Land Conservancy about potential properties. Sanford suggested contacting the Leelanau Conservancy and Chuck Korn regarding the property behind Copper Ridge for other possible options. Sanford requested the High School committee meet in the next 3 weeks. An email will be sent from Kelly to determine who will attend.

**X. Action Items:**

- a. Access Point Contract Renewal 2018-2019: Kelly reported an improvement over the past year in APHR's services. Motion to renew contract by Missias, seconded by Cousins; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.
- b. Final FY2017-2018 Budget Amendment: Explanation from Kelly of the budget. Cousins suggested partnering with a local community foundation in lieu of having a stand-alone foundation. Sanford suggested turning the foundation over to the community foundation. Kelly suggested creating a development committee that meets quarterly. Missias made a recommendation that the creation of a development committee be moved to discussion at the August board meeting. Motion of budget amendment made by Cousins, seconded by Missias; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.
- c. FY 2018/2019 Budget: Kelly reviewed final budget changes. Motion to approve budget by Missias, seconded by Cousins; voice vote: 5 in favor, 0 nays, motion carried.
- d. Broker Agreement for high school property: Motion by Ward, seconded by Ringsmuth; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays: motion carried.
- e. Board Member Candidacy of Laura Oblinger: Motion by Missias to approve Laura Oblinger's candidacy to replace Dodd Russell, seconded by Cousins; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion passed.
- f. Charter Reauthorization, Phase 1 Authorizers: Sanford led discussion regarding completing two applications for potential authorizers for phase 1. Kelly reported that the July 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for GVSU's application is unrealistic and therefore will request an extension if the motion to choose GVSU for Phase 1 passes. Missias reported a conflict of interest with GVSU as Greenspire's authorizer as he is currently employed by the university. The conflict would require him to exit the Greenspire's board. Sanford reported that GVSU asked for clarification of his – Sanford's - mortgage holding on Maple Hall; Sanford provided the legal opinion of Thrune Law Firm completed in 2010. Motion to choose GVSU and SVSU as potential new authorizers by Missias, seconded Cousins; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

g. Employment:

i. Physical Education: Treasa Merchant

ii. World Language: Marina Call

III. Mathematics: Anne Bara

Motion to approve hiring of Treasa Merchant, Marina Call and Anne Bara by Ringsmuth,  
Seconded by Ward; voice vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

*XI. Public Comment:* None.

*XII. Adjournment:* Motion by Missias to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ward; voice vote: 5  
ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Sarah Payette  
Recording Secretary