

Minutes of The Greenspire School
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
June 26th, 2017

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. The meeting was held in the Math Commons of Spruce Hall. Present: Yvette Ringsmuth, Meagan Batdorff, Matthew Missias, Dodd Russell. Absent: Raymond Minervini, Tara Ward arrived at 5:38 p.m. No TCAPS representative were present
- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:** None.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Batdorff to approve the regular meeting minutes dated May 15th, 2017, seconded by Russell, voice vote; 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None
- V. **Recognitions:** None
- VI. **Board Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Presentations:** None
- VIII. **Reports:**
 - a. Superintendent's Report: Kelly thanked Ringsmuth for joining the board. Kelly reported on the Spring Campaign, which has been overwhelmingly positive with close to 100 donors. The total raised to date is \$31,497. Kelly stated final fund balance will be available in June. Graduation of the fifth Greenspire class was earlier in June and the eighth grade field trip was a success. We continue to be at full enrollment of 126 next year, with a waiting list of 22 and still growing. The hiring process has been completed with a part time math teacher recommendation.
 - b. President's Report: Sanford also welcomed Ringsmuth to the board, as well as mentioning that the board will continue to look for more board members. Sanford reviewed property ownership and liens at Greenspire including recent reviews by our attorney and accountant. Sanford thanked Kelly for his outstanding fundraising efforts and an excellent school year. Sanford announced his intention to be out of the country in the fall; Minervini will be acting president in his absence.

- c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reviewed the Treasurer's report. Batdorff will have more information to report after the final fundraising numbers have been included in the budget.
- d. Committee Reports
 - i. Finance/Facilities: Sanford reviewed issues regarding future growth. Kelly will be exploring a new alarm vendor.
 - ii. Personnel: Missias deferred to the two action items below.
 - iii. Curriculum: Did not meet in June; will meet on August 8th, 2017.
 - iv. Family/Teacher Council: Ward reviewed minutes from June 5th, 2017. Ward reported that Back to School night picnic is planned for August 29th, 2017 and a planning meeting will be August 14th.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Future Growth
 - i. Middle School – Kelly reviewed the outcomes of the board retreat in 2015. At that time the board tabled the discussion of the high school until the middle school plan was complete. Kelly discussed now that the “slow growth” middle school plan is being completed this summer, it is time to start looking at future plans. The waiting lists indicate a need to increase the school's enrollment. Ward expressed concern about making sure the board doesn't start working on the high school without first making sure that the middle school is grown properly. Batdorff suggested that there are other options: looking at other authorizers, bringing together different schools and working on a joint high school together, different funding models.
 - ii. High School – Kelly stated that if the board wants to consider a high school, the board should start looking at properties now. The board discussed that this process will take 3-4 years and agreed property reviews should start immediately. The board discussed the time frame needed to start a high school program and felt it could take 3-5 years. Sanford expressed concern for finding property and discussed the need for the board to start looking at property. Batdorff brought up that the State of Michigan has applied for federal funding for start-ups so we may have a window to apply for funds for a high school. Ward expressed interest in a coalition with others in the area to lessen the risk and costs for the school. The board directed Kelly to create an ad hoc committee to explore possible scenarios of the future school and properties if they arise.

X. Action Items:

- a. Past Policy Updates: Motion by Missias to approve all policy updates dated below, seconded by Russell, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Kelly was directed to enlist the help of board members immediately in a policy review process for all newly adopted updates.

- i. Fall 2012
 - ii. Fall 2013
 - iii. Spring 2014
 - iv. Spring 2016
 - v. Fall 2016
- b. 2016-2017 Final Budget Amendment: Motion by Russell to approve final 2016-2017 budget, seconded by Ringsmuth, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. 2017-2018 Staff Recommendations: Motion by Ward to approve staff recommendations below, seconded by Batdorff, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
 - i. Project-Based Learning Coordinator Sarah Payette
 - ii. Math Ben Stevens
- d. 2017-2018 Staff Compensation Recommendations: Motion by Ringsmuth to approve 2017-2018 staff compensation recommendations, seconded by Russell, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
 - i. Superintendent and Principal compensation: Motion by Missias to approve the superintendent and principal's compensation, seconded by Russell, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- e. 2017-2018 Budget: Motion by Russell to approve the 2017-2018 Budget, seconded by Missias, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

XI. **Public Comment:** None.

XII. **Adjournment:** Motion by Ringsmuth to adjourn meeting, seconded by Ward, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Eric Breithaupt
Recording Secretary