

Minutes of The Greenspire School
Board of Education - Regular Meeting
August 17, 2015
Unapproved

- 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 Math Commons area. Present: Kurt Sanford,, Raymond Minervini, Blythe Skarshaug, Michelle Worden. Gina Aranki, Dawn Oh. Absent: Tara Ward
- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:**
 - a. Add Dawn Oh resignation to President's Report.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion to approve by Minervini, second by Aranki, voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- IV. **Public Comment:** None
- V. **Recognitions:** None
- VI. **Board Correspondence:** None
- VII. **Presentations:**None
- VIII. **Reports:**
 - a. Head of School and Superintendent's Report: Sanford suggested moving action item X.c. to the Head of School report. No objections from board. Kelly thanked board members for their time in selecting our new staff. He introduced each new staff member. Motion to approve hiring recommendations by Oh, second by Skarshaug, voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Kelly reviewed school enrollment numbers, update on green roof and chicken coop, lawn maintenance over summer, school floors being cleaned this upcoming weekend, review of math book purchases, bid on solar panels for school, update on liability insurance, and changes on school website, as well as audit by Department of Education. Advancement committee has scheduled the whole year on a calendar, and the first event is "Grown Up" recess this Thursday.
 - b. President's Report - Sanford accepted Oh's resignation from the board and thanked her for all of her help with the school. Sanford has talked to Steve Cousin's, who is possibly interested in joining the board. Any board member with other interested people should forward that to Sanford. Worden mentioned having Cousin's join the charitable foundation or help in another way with finances. Sanford also reported on the positive press around town about the school.
 - c. Treasurer's Report - Worden reviewed the Treasurer's report.
 - d. Committee Report
 - i. Finance - None
 - ii. Facilities - Sanford reported he is still working on a letter to get the process going for the west side of the school property and any potential future expansion. Also mentioned Red Drive is still an issue and discussing the safety of the road as we approach Garfield township and the recreation authority with improving the road. Discussion lead to finding out what TBAISD is doing with their new road and if we can help get the funding to pave it.
 - iii. Grants - Aranki noted after speaking with Rotary that we are not eligible for their grant.

- iv. Advancement - Worden reported that Kelly and her will be meeting to plan for the Annual Fund campaign, and the Harvest Dinner will be October 9th.
- v. Family Council - None
- vi. Personnel - None
- vii. Curriculum - Kelly reviewed notes and the committee has asked for a permanent staff member and Kelly Fransisco has stepped up for the position.
- viii. Board Nominations - on hold.

IX. Discussion Items:

- a. Board Policy Updates - Kelly has all policy recommendations ready for the board to review and bring to action over the next six months.
- b. Middlebury Online Language Courses - Kelly reported that the language teacher would like to use this platform to teach both Spanish and Mandarin. Board discussed costs and program, Oh also brought up the possibility of not having language required for all students but offered for those who want to take it.

X. Action Items:

- a. 2015-2016 Academic Calendar - Motion by Minervini to adopt calendar, second Aranki, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- b. Bullying Policy 5517 - Motion by Skarshaug to adopt policy, second by Minervini, voice vote; 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.
- c. Approval of 2015-2016 Personnel Committee Hiring Recommendations
 - i. Emily Ferguson - Science
 - ii. Claire Alexander - ELA
 - iii. Susan Taylor - Special Education
 - iv. Jill Rowley - Executive Assistant & Registrar
 - v. Kerry Thompson - Custodian

XI. Consent Agenda: None

**XII. Closed Session for Evaluation of Superintendent
Motion by Skarshaug to go into closed session, second Aranki, voice vote: 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.**

XIII. Public Comment: None

XIII. Upcoming Events: None

XIV. Adjournment:

Eric Breithaupt
Recording Secretary