

Minutes of The Greenspire School  
Board of Education - Regular Meeting  
August 20th, 2018

- I. **Call to Order & Roll Call:** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was held in the Spruce Hall . Present: Kurt Sanford, Steve Cousins, Yvette Ringsmuth, Tara Ward, Meagan Batdorff, Laura Oblinger, Matthew Missias (arrived at 5:40). Superintendent Kevin Kelly was also present.
- II. **Changes or Additions to Agenda:** Kelly proposed adding a discussion item regarding an update on facility planning, Item F, adopted.
- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion by Ward to approve the regular meeting minutes dated June 25th, 2018, seconded by Cousins; 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. Superintendent's Report: Kelly welcomed Laura Oblinger to Greenspire's board of education . Kelly updated the board on enrollment, fundraising and staffing for the 2018-19 academic year. He also reminded the board of the upcoming Harvest celebration on October 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. President's Report: Sanford provided an update on Greenspire's reauthorization. David Lewis from SVSU is interested in returning to Greenspire and will be invited to the next board meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Sanford reported on the high school committee's first meeting.
  - c. Treasurer's Report: Batdorff reported on the projected budgeted revenues. She suggested establishing long term financial goals. Ward suggested adding the fund balance to the monthly financial statement. Kelly reported the current fund balance.
  - d. Committee Reports:
    - i. Facilities/Finance: Batdorff reported the results of the property appraisal and that Payette has replaced Breithaupt as a signer on all school accounts given her promotion to assistant head of school. Sanford reviewed building work including painting the interior of Spruce Hall and upcoming changes to the compost and chicken coop. Sanford reported that the three year review State Historic Preservation Office was complete. He also reported that the traffic flow study should be ready by the next board meeting. The committee will also be addressing issues regarding the easement.

- ii. Personnel: Ringsmuth reviewed the recent hires since June. Oblinger expressed desire to join this committee.
- iii. Curriculum: Did not meet.
- iv. Faculty summary: Did not meet.
- v. Family/Teacher Council: Did not meet. Kelly expressed a desire to rebrand this committee in the fall to encourage better attendance and make it purposeful.

**IX. Discussion Items:**

**a. High School Property Acquisition**

- i. Zip Code Inventory: Sanford reviewed the inventory statistics.
- ii. Real Estate Update: Sanford led discussion on the potential land acquisition for the high school and the development of a property ranking system. Oblinger reported that Glen Chown from Land Use Conservancy would be interested in discussing potential properties in October. Ringsmuth suggested parcel partnerships with other local conservancies. Sanford expressed the need to develop a timeline for the committee. Cousins and Missias suggested contacting local schools such as Woodland and Old Mission for future recruitment.

**b. Property Appraisal: See above**

- c. Fund Development Strategic Planning: Sanford suggested having consultant, speak to the board. Sanford reported that Blythe Skarshaug is interested in stepping down from the Community Foundation and suggested that Oblinger replace her. He will contact Skarshaug to confirm. Oblinger suggested using the Community Foundation instead of a stand-alone foundation. Oblinger will research this subject and report back to the board.

- d. Policy Adoption Process: Consultant Peggy Yates will attend the next board meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

- e. Reauthorization Update: Update was reviewed during president's report. Batdorff requested that each board member submit their resumes for the reauthorization.

- f. Facility planning: Kelly suggested working with Cornerstone Architect for the middle school expansion to get staff input on interior design. Sanford asked board opinion on using Cornerstone as builders. Kelly reported that Wanda Diamond from Cornerstone is interested in designing the expansion.. The board was in favor of using Cornerstone.

**X. Action Item:**

- a. Employment: Mathematic / Kris Galoci. Motion to approve employment contract Ward, Second by Oblinger; voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried.

**XI. Public Comment:** none.

- XII. Adjournment:** Motion by Cousins to adjourn, seconded by Ward; voice vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Sarah Payette  
Recording Secretary