



# BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of August 26th, 2019

- I. **Call to Order.** President Kurt Sanford called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall.

- a. Roll Call - Present:

Board Members:           President Kurt Sanford  
                                  Vice Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth  
                                  Tara Ward  
                                  Steve Cousins  
                                  Ward Kuhn  
                                  Marco Cabrera  
                                  Meagan Batdorff

Greenspire Staff:        Superintendent Kevin Kelly  
                                  Recording Secretary Sarah Payette

- II. **Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

None given.

- III. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes.**

Motion made by Babin-Ringsmuth and seconded by Cabrera to approve meeting minutes dated June 17, 2019.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval: Minutes

- IV. **Public Comment.** President Sanford requested any public comment.

There was no public comment at this time.

- V. **Recognitions.** President Sanford requested any received recognitions.

There were no recognitions received at this time.

- VI. **Board Correspondence**

President Sanford requested any received correspondence.

There was no correspondence or public comment at this time.

- VII. **Presentations.**

- a. Board Member Oaths of Office: Missias, GVSU consultant

- b. AccessPoint Human Resources: Greg Packard and Paul Yeager provided an update related to Blue Cross Blue Shield. They ensure the problems regarding delayed debit cards have been addressed.

## VIII. Reports

- a. Superintendent's Report  
Kelly provided an enrollment update.  
Kelly reviewed the fund balance.  
Kelly reminded the board of the Harvest Dinner on October 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Kelly updated the board on the birth of Emily's Feaster's son.
- b. President's Report  
Sanford expressed appreciation for the work on Kelly's behalf regarding staffing.
- c. Treasurer's Report  
Batdorff reviewed and explained the projected budget for the fiscal year of 2019/2020. Discussion regarding potential revenue issues ensued.
- d. Authorizers Report  
GVSU wants to focus on the concept of community value within the schools.  
Missias reminded the board of upcoming events for the Greenspire school community.  
Missias reported they will assist in marketing Greenspire's PBL Academy and the current open positions at Greenspire.  
Sanford requested clarification on the changes in tuition reimbursement.  
Kelly will inquire from Greenspire staff to clarify which staff member has withdrawn from graduate level classes because of these changes.
- e. Committee Reports
  1. Facilities & Finance: Sanford reported discussions on finances, a weather station, and campus maintenance.
  2. High School Expansion: Batdorff shared that there are a number of legal issues that need to be reviewed before the expansion can be considered. Batdorff reported that the option of renting space at NMC is on hold. Existing facilities or acquisition of land will be considered along with beginning a capital campaign. Batdorff also explained expansion grants and applying for funds for programmatic uses. The traffic plan was also discussed.
  3. Personnel: Babin-Ringsmuth reviewed current staffing changes. Babin-Ringsmuth reported a transition of IT services to the ISD. Substitute teacher rates of pay were reviewed from Kelly.
  4. Curriculum: Ward reported project reviews and professional development. Ward asked committee members to consider how they could be more involved. Next meeting date has been changed to September 18<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Faculty Summary: None.
  6. Family Council: Cabrera stated that formal reports will be coming next month. The new name of this committee is called Student Support Council.

**IX. Discussion Items**

- a. Succession Planning & Michigan Leadership Institute: Sanford conveyed Mike Hill's confidence in conducting a job search and reported that estimated costs seem reasonable.
- b. Suicide Prevention: Kelly shared an update on how the school is responding to last year's tragedy. Kelly reported setting up methods for safe support for the student population. Numerous resources have also been provided to parents and staff.
- c. 2019-2020 Administrative Priorities: Kelly reviewed the document and provided an explanation of items. Board discussed Kelly's priorities. Sanford recommended committee involvement. Kelly recommended updating the list and putting them through a committee process. Discussion about streamlining the administrative initiatives ensued. Sanford will work with Kelly to set executive committee meetings to evaluate current strategic administrative initiatives. Cabrera offered to make suggestions for these processes. Kelly recommended future operational changes.

**X. Action Items**

- a. Foundation Status  
Sanford explained the uses of the two uses for the partnership with the Grand Traverse Regional community charitable foundations. Sanford requested three members join this board. Kelly explained the funding of these accounts and their designated use. Kuhn explained the investment of funds. Clarifications of expenditures and distribution of funds were discussed  
Motion made by Cousins to undo previous board action to close the Greenspire Charitable Foundation. Motion seconded by Batdorff  
The motion carried unanimously.
- b. TBA ISD IT Support Services Contract  
Motion made by Babin-Ringsmuth, seconded by Cousins.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- c. CoolLED Lighting Upgrade  
Kelly reported the investment recoup and recommended the changes.  
Motion made by Cousins seconded by Ward.  
The motion carried unanimously.
- d. 2019-2020 Initial Budget  
Motion Cousins, Ward seconded.  
The motion carried

**XI. Public Comment**

None

**XII. Adjournment**

Sanford made a motion to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion made by Kuhn, seconded by Cousins  
Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m