



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Board Meeting - June 5, 2023 ~ 6:00 pm

Unapproved Minutes

I. Call to Order & Roll Call. President Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. The meeting was held in Spruce Hall with a remote option via Zoom.

i. Board Members Present: Yvette Babin-Ringsmuth, Meagan Batdorff, Tara Ward, Marco Cabrera, Ward Kuhn, Constanza Hazelwood, Marguerite Cotto

ii. Board Members absent: None

iii. Administrators Present: Superintendent Robert Walker (Recording Secretary)

II. Changes or Additions to the Agenda

a. Motion to add discussion item for Secretary position vacancy;

Motion: Ward

Support: Hazelwood

Motion passed: 7-0

b. Motion to approve agenda as amended;

Motion: Kuhn

Support: Ward

Motion passed: 7-0

III. Public Comment

a. General Public Comment; None

b. Public Comment - Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction/Continuity of Services; None

IV. Discussion Items

a. Bridge Loans (Renewal)

The attorney is working on the language for approval at our next meeting. This is the renewal of our two current bridge loans, minus principal paid on the original loan in the amount of about \$30,000. One loan will include principal payments and the other will continue to be interest only. The leadership will be meeting with Mercantile in the near future. Walker provided information on interest rate, background of these loans, and information regarding estimated count for 23-24.

b. Final Budget Amendment FY23

Batdorff noted that we had a slightly higher reserve than we had expected. Batdorff asked about cleaning services being included and Walker noted they

were in contracted services with a reduced summer schedule; Walker noted we are still waiting on the school security grant to be reimbursed and all high school grant expenditures to this date have been reimbursed. Kuhn asked about state funding and why it has increased over the year, Walker noted the Section 31a and Section 97 grants were included as supplemental per pupil funding.

c. Proposed Original Budget FY24

Walker explained the impact of expansion of space and staffing for next year's budget. Walker noted that looking for grant opportunities will be important next year as well as exceeding budgeted enrollment targets. Walker noted we have already saved a bit of money on new hires from budgeted amounts. Batdorff noted some budget best practices that we want to strive for in the next couple years. Cotto inquired about competition from local schools and how that has affected enrollment.

d. Secretary Vancany

Babin-Ringsmuth noted that Ward has decided to step back from the board leaving an opening for Secretary. The Nominating Committee is looking at a new candidate for the board, but we need a new Secretary. The board will need to discuss who is going to do the recording secretary responsibilities going forward.

V. Action Items

a. EMC Program - ASA Program

Motion to approve EMC ASA Program: Cabrera
Support: Batdorff

Ward noted that we understand the funding model of the 13th year for students and asked if we were comfortable with this from a budget perspective.

Motion passed: 7-0

b. Board Policy Updates

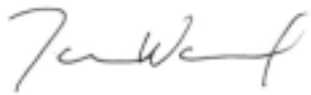
Motion to approve Board Policy Updates: Kuhn
Support: Cotto
Motion passed: 7-0

VI. Public Comment- None

VII. Adjournment at 6:47 pm

Motion to adjourn:
Support:
Motion passed: 6-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tara Ward". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tara" and last name "Ward" clearly distinguishable.

Tara Ward, School Board Secretary

The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 5:30pm in Spruce Hall