

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 26, 2015

5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Gary Jader at 5:28 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Gary Jader, Alexandra Howes, Cassie Lafleur, Lucy Mikroberts, John Tuttle, Colleen Atakpu, Elizabeth Orme

Members not in attendance: Phil Jemielita

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Principal; Jenny Abbs, BKDA; and members of the TCA Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Tuttle and seconded by Colleen Atakpu. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the March 2016 minutes, with the addition of Marketing under Reports, was made by Elizabeth Orme and seconded by Colleen Atakpu. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation by Jenny Abbs BKDA on Bond Covenants

Ms. Abbs presented on "What do Bonds do?" She also mentioned how our entity is a sound investment which was shown through how fast the bonds were sold. The school is bonded for: \$15,895,000. The bonds are paid back through the scheduled Lease Aid payments. MSRB Education Center gives a basic overview of the bond process and how you access information. It is an informative site and recommended to Board Members who may want to learn and understand more about the process. There are several reports that must be provided during the course of the year, for example: quarterly student enrollment reports and annual test reports. The Debt Service Coverage was also explained.

Bylaws Merged Entity

The Bylaws of the the Board of Directors were reviewed and edited to suit the needs of the merged middle school and high school boards. Board Members reviewed the Bylaws and have suggested further edits. With the merging of the boards, we can suggest a range of board members between 6-12 members and meet quorum. Terms limits for Board Members were discussed. The board must also determine how we will handle the Executive Board positions as there are currently two board presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, and treasurers.

Merger Plan and Agreement Adoption

These must be signed after revisions are made to the bylaws. The documents should be formally adopted at the May board meeting.

Americorps Promise Fellow

A high school, or preferably a college graduate, who will serve as a mentor to a list of 30 students who may need additional behavioral or academic support. They work as an advocate to reach out to students' families. This has been awarded to the school and is now listed on various job information sites. The school hopes to hire someone who is perhaps an alum of Twin Cities Academy or there is some community connection.

Enrollment Update

619 students are enrolled for the 2016-2017 school year. There are significant wait lists for the 6th and 9th grades.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials look healthy. The fund balance is going up. The Statement of Revenues and Expenditures can be accessed.

The treasurer's report was accepted by Lucy Mikroberts and seconded by Elizabeth Orme.

REPORTS

Committee Reports

Governance/Policy

A meeting will be planned.

Marketing

The "Fun" Raiser will take place on Saturday, April 30 from 4-8 p.m.

Facilities

The Board toured the new facility.

Curriculum

No report.

Principal/Executive Director

Most of the focus is on the building and the budget. Hiring is also taking place this month.

Teachers

The high school play "The Second Stain," a Sherlock Holmes mystery, is on Friday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by John Tuttle and seconded by Colleen Atakpy at 7:04 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.