

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 24, 2015

5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Gary Jader at 5:09 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Members not in attendance: Cassie Lafleur

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the April 2016 minutes was made by Phil Jemielita and seconded by John Tuttle. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Review

Ms. Lueth updated the board on where the school is with regards to the strategic plan. The Staff Salary Schedule was completed after various focus groups and feedback. Out of the HR focus groups came other improvements for teachers and staff. The school is also currently working with a behavioral specialist to improve the school climate and to review current discipline systems in the school. A new mission and vision has been drafted that will be presented to the board either in June or July.

The school has grown over 100%. While the school has kept up with growth, it will be good to look at procedures in the school and to develop and refine.

June and July Board Meeting Dates

The next board meeting will be by June 14. A Doodle survey will be sent out by Elizabeth Orme to find the best date for July.

OLD BUSINESS

2015-2016 Revised Budget Approval (TCA & TCAHS)

A motion to approve the 2015-2016 Revised Budget was made by Lucy Mikroberts and seconded by John Tuttle. Motion passed unanimously.

Long Range Budget Approval

The school population next year will be 610 students. Two areas of interest include a heading called Miscellaneous Expenses which is related to our debt ratio related to the bonds.

A motion to approve the Long Range Budget was made by John Tuttle and seconded by Phil Jemielita. Motion passed unanimously.

By Law Approval

The merged By Laws will be in effect on July 1.

A motion to approve the Merger By Laws was made by Phil Jemielita and seconded by Lucy Mikroberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Merger Document Approval

The high school board will approve the merger document as the middle school board will dissolve. Through the merger the middle school and high school boards will become one merged entity.

A motion to approve the Plan of Merger and the Articles of Merger was made by Phil Jemielita and seconded by Lucy Mikroberts. Motion passed unanimously.

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 John Tuttle and seconded by Lucy Mikroberts.

REPORTS

Committee Reports

Governance/Policy

The By Laws were adopted. The next step will be to discuss the new school vision and mission statements.

Marketing

The "Fun" Raiser was held on April 30. We broke even with some additional funds. Attendance was down which may be due to the date (Saturday) and the change of the format (pizza/concert/raffle). For next year, we should pick a date and make that an annual event so it becomes a tradition. Feedback from students was very positive.

Facilities

The building is on track for completion. The move into the new building will begin June 20.

Curriculum

Ms. Howes and Ms. Atakpu discussed the committee to pass on information on what has been done in the past on the committee. Ms. Atakpu will move forward by discussing with Shannon Gourley, Dean of Academics, regarding what the scope and focus of the Curriculum Committee for the future. Some of the focus of the committee will be relevance of the curriculum to students' lives (cultural relevancy), rigor, and the scope and sequence of the school's curriculum. There was discussion on student involvement in the current presidential election for the upcoming 2016-2017 school year.

Principal/Executive Director

Teachers

Prom was a success! Prom took place the Jonathan Padelford riverboat. Attendance was 110 students, which is one of the highest attendance numbers in years.

The high school play "The Second Stain" was great! Well attended with two strong performances.

The National Honor Society induction ceremony is Thursday, May 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Please send Gary Jader any remarks you would like him to share at graduation, please send him an email.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by John Tuttle and seconded by Elizabeth Orme at 6:28 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14. The July meeting will be determined at a later date.