

TWIN CITIES ACADEMY

Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 28,
2017**

5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Steve Cerkvenik at 5:32 pm

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Steve Cerkvenik, Phil Jemielita, Alexandra Howes, Cassandra Lafleur, Angela Davis-Drew, Tim Becken, Rich Holst, Krista Varley

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Nathan Schultz, community member; Dana Peterson, UST Authorizer community member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the September 12 board minutes by Holst, second by Jemielita. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jemielita, second by Howes. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

GUEST COMMENTS

Dana Peterson gave a brief overview of the informal UST visit on September 27, the charter contract renewal process and mentioned briefly about the upcoming formal visit in January.

OLD BUSINESS

Move to approve the goals for the strategic plan was made by Jemielita, second by Holst. Discussion: The objectives and strategies of the strategic plan will be fully reviewed at the October meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to nominate Davis-Drew for open Vice Chair position was made by Holst, second by Jemielita. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Annual Report

A motion was made to accept annual report by Jemielita, second by Varley. The ED explained that the annual report is required by the MDE, our authorizer and is used by the bond holders and the bond rating company. This report has many functions. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Training: discussion about educational equity, involving staff, students, family and board in these trainings. Lueth presented three articles for the board to read prior to the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financials are doing fine, meeting budget and enrollment is on track.

A motion to accept the June Revised financials was made by Holst, second by Lafleur.
Discussion: ED provided explanation of current fund balance policy. The June Revised financials motion was carried.

A motion to accept the July/August financials was made by Holst, second by Becken. Discussion: none. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Committee Reports

Facilities

No report

Governance/Policy and Leadership Development

Cerkvenik and Lueth reported on the two critical functions of governance: 1) policy review; 2) board leadership development. Board members were asked to indicate which of the governance sub-committees they preferred to attend.

Marketing

No report

Executive Director

Enrollment update: 627 students currently. Our goal is 640 to have a "cushion" for attrition throughout the year.

Mr. Skagen will be asked to join the October board meeting.

Teachers

Ms Howes and Ms Lafleur gave a brief mention of things going well so far in the first weeks of school.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Alexandra Howes and seconded by Krista Varley at 6:56 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, October 26, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda Reedy