

**TWIN CITIES ACADEMY**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 24, 2018**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Steve Cerkvenik at 5:34 pm.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members present: Steve Cerkvenik, Rich Holst, Alexandra Howes, Tim Becken, Phil Jemielita, Cassandra Lafleur, Krista Varley (arrived 5:35 p.m.)

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Elizabeth Neilson, TCA teacher; Shannon Hady, TCA staff member; Amanda Ruskin, TCA teacher; Tamika Rhodes, member of public; Sandra Tallman, member of public; Kazaaron Tallman, member of public; Makayla Holton-Adams, member of public; Alicia Adams, member of public; Josh Anderson, member of public; Asaiah Harris, member of public; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary; Brenda Reedy, Recording Secretary.

Cerkvenik mentioned rules about public comments being limited to 5 minutes and that the Board does not respond one way or the other regarding public comments.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Howes mentioned that Jemielita's name was misspelled in action items. A motion to approve the corrected April board minutes made by Holst, second by Howes. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sandra Tallman expressed concerns about consistency with discipline and the overall handling of the discipline with her daughter.

Kazaaron Tallman expressed concerns that administration did not do enough about bullying in the school.

Makayla Holton-Adams expressed concern about not having one situation define her. She also expressed that other students and parents in the school community continued to discuss the situation on social media.

Josh Anderson expressed concern over the disciplinary action towards his student.

Amanda Ruskin reported that she didn't realize that a salary structure existed until this year. She asked the board to review the salary structure and she will send additional emails to the board members regarding this.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

- **UST Contract Renewal** - Cerkvenik reviewed contract details. A five year charter renewal (the maximum allowed by law) was offered by UST to TCA due to its being a financially and academically sound school. Jemielita moves to approve the UST contract, Holst seconds. Motion to accept carried.
- **2017-2018 Audit Conflict of Interest Forms** - This was tabled and will be addressed at June meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **REPORTS**

- **Committee Reports**
  - **Governance Report** - Cerkvenik says nothing to report. Cerkvenik plans to reinstate the Policy Committee. Howes will follow up regarding that.
- **Principal/Executive Director Report**
  - **Enrollment Update** - Lueth reports enrollment is steady for next year. Currently 670 students are enrolled as we are over enrolled to avoid having mid-year enrollment fluctuations.
  - Lueth mentioned that all but one of the graduating seniors have post-secondary plans. This year's graduating class has received \$4 million in scholarship money.
- **Financial Statement** - Motion by Holst to add Financial Statement details to Agenda. Move to accept made by Holst, second by Becken. Financial Statement accepted.
- **Teacher Report** - Howes reports that the play was a success and that we have 27 inductees for NHS. Lafleur reports being done with testing.

**Cerkvenik says that no other business is on the regular agenda. Board is closing this portion of the regular meeting to review a disciplinary situation.**

Closed portion of meeting began at 6:15 pm

Meeting re-opened at 6:48 - No action was taken by the school board.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Holst at 6:49 pm and second by Howes. Motion passed unanimously.

The next board meeting will be Thursday, June 14, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Spector