

Twin Cities Academy
Board Meeting
Thursday October 3, 2019
5:00p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Rich Holst at 5:02 pm.

ATTENDANCE

Members present: Rich Holst, Tamika Rhodes, Andrew Ng, Phil Jemielita via phone.

Others present: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Doris Espelien, Community member and prospective Board Member; Erin Spector, recording secretary.

READING OF VISION & MISSION by Holst

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the August 22 meeting minutes was made by Ng, second by Rhodes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lueth adds appointment of Doris Espelien as Board Community Member to Action Items. Motion to approve edited Action Items made by Ng, second by Rhodes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

Action Items

- Appoint Officers of the School Board- Lueth goes over process for all board to hear.
 - Secretary nomination is made by Ng for Howes. Rhodes nominates Ng. Votes are cast. Holst asks 3X, for confirmation. Motion unanimously approved in favor of Ng.
 - Treasurer position is recommended for Jemielita by Ng. Holst asks 3X for confirmation. Motion unanimously approved.
 - Vice-Chair position is nominated for Rhodes by Rhodes. No other nominations. Holst confirms 3X. Motion unanimously approved.
 - Chair position is nominated for Holst by Ng. Rhodes asks for confirmation 3X as Holst can't conduct vote on his own position. Motion unanimously approved.
- Accept Annual Report- Lueth reviews report and explains Q comp review, extensions review, discussion about new room for behavior, aligning curriculum, kids coming in with low skills need lots of work, classroom disruption continues to be a large problem. Discussion about continuously enrolled students 6-12 doing better as opposed to kids transferring in at a later date. Lueth shares stories of kids who have been at TCA all 6-12 and the good results they are experiencing. Note to correct 15-16 date at the top of report. Motion to accept annual report with change made by Ng, and second by Jemielita. Motion unanimously approved.

- Approve membership to Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS)- Lueth reviews price of \$18,000 for 1 year membership. Motion to accept made by Rhodes, second by Ng. Motion unanimously approved.
- Approve Identified Official with Authority – IOwA for the MDE reporting system Treasurer’s Report/Finance Committee Items. Board approval needed to have Lueth designated at IOwA. Motion made by Ng, second by Rhodes. Motion unanimously approved.
- Vote on revised budget including one additional school bus - Moving from 13 to 14 buses will be extra money but has to be done because of overcrowding on some routes and length of bus ride for some students. Jemielita comments that finance committee supports the addition of an extra bus. Ng suggests adding actual amount of budget. Motion to approve revised budget listing “Total Expenditures of \$9,305,156” made by Rhodes, second by Ng. Motion unanimously approved.
- Accept August Financials- Jemielita says that fund balance went up. Motion to accept August financials made by Ng, second by Rhodes. Motion unanimously approved.
- Appoint Doris Espelien as Board Community Member (added action item)-Ng nominates Espelien as TCA Board Community Member, Holst asks all in favor say “Aye”. Motion unanimously approved.

New Business

NONE

Old Business

NONE

Reports

- Committee Reports
 - Governance - Lueth explains priorities of committee and that they do policies and procedures, organize listening sessions, and they need a standing meeting. Lueth will push for a meeting to be scheduled soon. Open items are the date and time on a monthly basis.. Lueth discussed that discipline policy is a high priority.
 - Parents in Partnership - Rhodes reviews details of upcoming Teen Health Night on 10/10 and gives details of speakers participating. Talks about Pizza Palooza being cancelled and says they will do another one next year.
- Principal/Director
 - Enrollment Update - Enrollment is 621. Several new 9th and 10th graders are inquiring about enrolling still this fall.
- Teachers - Ng reviews that things are good overall and no big news to share.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ng, second by Rhodes. Motion passed. Meeting ends at 6:01 PM