



Board Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (via Zoom teleconference)

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Rich Holst at 5:02 p.m. Holst explains the in person meeting can not occur because of the Covid-19 stay at home order and under Chapter 12 the meeting can proceed virtually.

ATTENDANCE (via Zoom)

Members present: Rich Holst, Elizabeth Neilson, Alexandra Howes, Doris Espelien, Andrew Ng, Tim Becken, Phil Jemielita (at 5:15)

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Erin Amundson, TCA Principal; Aaliyah Hodge, UST representative; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary.

VISION AND MISSION

Rich Holst read the vision and mission.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion to approve the February 2020 board minutes was made by Ng and seconded by Howes. Roll call by recording secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ng and seconded by Neilson. Roll call by recording secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - Ms. Hodge, representing the University of St. Thomas, explains that there will be no onsite visit because of the school being closed due to Covid-19 stay at home order. Ms. Hodge verified that Distance Learning Plan was posted on the TCA website.

ACTION ITEMS

- Holst resolved that in person meetings can not occur because of the Covid crisis and meetings will be virtual.
- Board elections need to be postponed to a later date due to school closure. Lueth will work with the governance committee to determine details. Motion to postpone until 5/15. Espelien moved and Neilson seconded. Roll call by recording secretary. Motion carries.
- February Financials - Financials were presented to the Finance Committee. No concerns with monthly financials at this time. Lueth reported 10 extra laptops were purchased for staff in order to teach remotely. Lueth detailed that the school is still able to pay employees during school closure. Lueth is looking at transportation options for next year. Becken moves to accept financials. Neilson seconds motion. Roll call by recording secretary. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS -

- Ms. Amundson reports on the design and implementation of the Distance Learning platform.
- Covid-19 update from Lueth describes plans so far and letters to essential employees stating that the school will need essential employees at school 4/6 & 4/7. For the most part, nobody else in the building for any extended amount of time. The progress for online learning is showing we have reached 99% of our students either through email or phone. We have 6-10 students with no access to the internet at their homes. Special Education department is re-writing IEPs to accommodate for distant learning. EL, 504, and any health needs will be looked at

as well to support and accommodate students as much as possible. All support services are continuing as much as possible. Ng speaks about some kids doing better online and that some items are varying per teacher.

(Amundson leaves the meeting at 5:34 pm)

- Lueth details food distribution being organized by Terri Ausen. TCA is using 7 school buses to deliver food. 6 buses went to stops and 1 bus was used to deliver directly to homes. Total of 1500 meals (both breakfast and lunch) will be delivered. Wednesday will be tech pickup day at school.
- Special Education Distance Learning Plan is also posted on the TCA website.

OLD BUSINESS -

Budget review will be happening in April.

REPORTS -

- Governance Committee - Per Ng, meeting has been postponed.
- Principal/Director Report- Transportation contract is to be reviewed by Lueth.
- Teachers report - Ng says nothing yet to report on distance learning. Howes conveys student frustration about arts and sports not likely to be completed this year. Neilson says the yearbook staff is still on track for the deadline.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Board Chair Holst adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.