

# **Board Meeting**

# Thursday, October 1, 2020 5:00 p.m.

We serve a diverse student body to succeed in a rigorous college preparatory program. Our mission is to ensure that all students graduate with the skills to achieve in college, to contribute positively to society, and to be accepting of all people.

#### Clarification

Rich Holst announced an in person meeting of the Board was not possible due to the COVID pandemic. The meeting will take place via Zoom with votes counted by roll call via the Recording Secretary.

#### Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Rich Holst at 5:05 pm

### **Reading of Mission and Vision**

Read by Rich Holst

#### Attendance

*Members present:* Rich Holst, Alexandra Howes, Andrew Ng, Elizabeth Neilson, Betsy Mowry Voss, Tina Haarbusch, and Doris Espelien.

Not present: Phil Jemielita, Tim Becken

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Janet White, TCA Reading

Interventionist, and Erin Spector, Recording Secretary

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the August minutes made by Ng, second by Neilson. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.

## **Approval of Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda made by Espelien, second by Haarbusch. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.

**Public Comments** (each member of the public has 5 minutes to speak)
None

## **Action Items**

- Accept August Financials A motion to accept the August Financials made by Mowry Voss, second by Ng. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.
- Designate IOwA (Identified Official with Authority) for the MDE- A motion to officially designate Betsy Lueth as Identified Official made by Neilson, second by Ng. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.
- **Updated 20-21 Calendar** Revision needed to move Spring Break to align with SPPS school calendar. Motion to accept revised calendar made by Ng, second by Haarbusch. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.
- Board Meeting Dates & Committee Dates 20-21 School Year Review proposed board meeting dates for upcoming school year. Motion to accept dates made by Ng, second by Neilson. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried
- Appoint Student Board Representative Ex Officio per Bylaws Ng motions to tabling item since student representative is not present at meeting. Haarbusch seconds the motion. By a roll call vote with 7 yes votes, motion carried.

#### **New Business**

• Emergency Leadership Plan Progress - Lueth reviews plan to use should she fall ill during the pandemic. Lueth, Erin Amundson, and Jenny Abbs have reviewed details of location of important documents that someone would need to access. Plan is in progress with regular updates.

## Old Business

None

## Treasurer's Report

• Not reviewed at this time due to the absence of the Treasurer from the meeting.

#### Reports

## Committee Reports

-Governance: Holst reviews policy documents and says edits are needed as it is 10 years old. Lueth describes improvements for marketing. Next Governance meeting will be 10/27.

-Finance Report - Lueth reviews details of enrollment and budget details regarding working budget and enrollment budget.

## • Principal/Director

-Survey and Stakeholder Feedback from September - Staff survey and families survey have been mostly positive. Some zoom fatigue is the biggest negative. Suggestions of more clubs and more social time incorporated into school day. Band and science subjects have been a bit harder for distance learning. Lueth describes Conway's program of feeding kids in the neighborhood. Hybrid is hard to balance but overall is going ok.

-Enrollment Update - 547 for working budget, 555 enrollment budget. We are still taking in applications for the current year.

## • Teachers Report

Neilson reads a statement from a current TCA HS student giving positive testimonial about distance learning. Feels there is a good feeling now that there is a routine. Howes describes the block schedule benefits. Says that cameras are coming on more frequently in class and that is indicative of more engaged students. Ng reviews details of the RJC's 1st meeting with 17 students. Great turnout.

All items on the agenda have been covered. Holst adjourns the meeting at 5:57 pm.