



TCA Board Meeting
Thursday May 27, 2021
5:00p.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.

Call to Order

The Board Meeting was called to order by Andrew Ng at 5:05 pm.

Declaration of Virtual Meeting

Andrew Ng 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.

Reading of Mission and Vision

Read by Andrew Ng

Attendance

Members present: Rich Holst (arrived late 5:15), Andrew Ng, Phil Jemielita (had to leave early at 5:45), Elizabeth Neilson, Tim Becken, Alexandra Howes, Tina Haarhusch, Doris Espelien

Members absent: Betsy Mowry Voss

Others in attendance: Betsy Lueth, Executive Director; Courtney Whitcraft, TCA staff; Craig Koch, TCA staff; Erin Spector, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the April minutes was made by Neilson and seconded by Howes. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote, motion passed.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Jemielita, and seconded by Ng. Discussion: None. By a roll call vote, motion passed.

Public Comments - Set to 5 mins per person.

Craig Koch, TCA teacher, gives a presentation on the advantages and disadvantages of the current uniform policy at TCA. Encourages the board to eliminate the uniform policy as he doesn't feel it serves the student population anymore.

Action Items

- **Board Resolution** – Minnesota DNR Project - Whitcraft reviews DNR plan and shows slideshow. Covers details about adding the NE area of fields to the plan. Motion to accept resolution to include the NE space on the DNR plan for the TCA fields. Neilson makes motion and Howes seconds the motion. By a roll call vote, motion passed.
- **Election Certification** – Teacher Board Seats are reviewed. 2 year term won by Erin Enquist. 3 year term won by Lisa Dennis. Holst thanks Neilson for her time on the board and all of her hard work. Ng makes a motion to certify election results. Neilson seconds the motion. By a roll call vote, motion passed.
- **Equity Policy** - Reviews that changes were made. No new questions. Howes moves to accept revised policy, Haarbusch seconds the motion. By a roll call vote, motion passed.
- **FY 22 Budget** - Lueth explains that the state has not finalized their funding yet, but the board needs to adopt a budget for next year per the state statute. Strong and solid budget now but expects changes in 2022 budget will be needed once the state legislature determines the funding for K12 schools. There are too many variables to get a sense of the 2023-2024 budgets. Motions to accept 21-22 budget made by Ng (total revenue \$9,132,924) and seconded by Haarbusch. By a roll call vote, motion passed.
- **April Financials** - No changes. Ng motions to accept financials, Neilson seconds the motion. By a roll call vote, motion passed.

New Business

- **July Meeting Date** - Decided that right after July 4th would work best for all.
- **Summer Strategic Planning Dates** - Lueth reviews what the plan might look like. Any times that don't work for board members schedules are reviewed. Decided that right after July 4th would work best for all.

Old Business

- **June Meeting Date Reminder** – June 24th meeting date is left alone instead of possibly rescheduling.
- **IRT Update** - Staying on the course. Good overall.
- **Board Self-Evaluation** - Lueth reminds all that it is due today. Please complete it if you haven't.

Committee Reports

- **Governance:** Already covered. Recruiting parents and have an interested community member.
- **Finance:** Jemielita has no comment other than it is a “time of uncertainty”.
- **Principal/Executive Director:** Lueth says that the Senior party was a success. Band concert was a fun event.
- **Teacher Reports:** Neilson comments that the yearbooks turned out well. Howes is focusing on helping struggling students with lower grades.

Adjourn

6:03 pm by Holst