

Great Expectations School
Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at the School
Tuesday, Sept. 20th, 2011, 4:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

In attendance: Susan Miller, Amy Henrikson, Jonathan Hedstrom, Pete James, Amanda Hand, Sara Hingos, Jeff kern, Suzy Schweig and Baiers Heeren.

Item #

1.0 Jonathan called the meeting to order at 4:04.

2.0 Pete read the mission

3.0 Approval of Agenda, Sara moved and Baiers seconded. Ayes all.

4.0 Consent Agenda, Sara moved and Baiers seconded. Ayes all.

4.1 Minutes from August 23rd, 2011 Meeting

4.2 Committee Reports and Approvals

5.0 Treasurer's Report

Baiers said the enrollment numbers are exactly as we forecasted. We are flush with cash. Two of topics of discussion-laying groundwork for future need to have funding once current funding runs out to make up the gap. Baiers will continue to look at Charter School Capital. Also, the facility is a focus now and the necessity of expansion-discussing ways and means for funding expansion. In next month or so, board needs to be developing plan for expansion. What are sources of funding-increased enrollment, grant source and potential loan source? The finance committee meeting would like to loop in with facilities committee to discuss what kinds of facilities-what is the spectrum of options?

5.1 Review of Expenditures and Fund Transfers

Total Fund balance is \$29, 265.97 which are the new 2011 figures at this point.

Sara and Baiers moved and seconded to approve the review of expenditures and fund transfers. Ayes Susan Miller, Suzy Schweig, Jonathan Hedstrom, Amanda Hand, and Sara Hingos.

6.0 Director's Report

Pete shared the summary of GES MCA reports. Our students did well, but our math scores were not as strong as the others. Amanda wondered if there is evidence if process-oriented curriculum means that students will show proficiency later in their schooling. She also asked if we felt we were feeling good about how we were teaching math or did we feel we could use some additional work?

Joint meeting between the county school boards may be on October 27th or 29th from 8:30-2:00. Pete and Beth will set agenda.

7.0 Committee Reports

7.1 Board Development

Sara has secured another board member –Mary Haussner. Still need one or two community members. Names were given.

8.0 Old Business

8.1 Action Items / Task Updates

Pete did not run ad on Boreal for student openings but will do so. He did create the timeline for facilities development.

8.2 Review of amended Enrollment Policy

The policy was reviewed for the 2nd time.

8.3 Facilities Discussion

We looked at the facilities outline and dates to meet. This led to our need to move October board meeting because it conflicts with MEA and parent-teacher conferences. Parent survey will really help us to know where we are headed.

Staff will receive a different survey that is more in line with educator related questions. Facilities working group financial summary- helped us look at what may be possible and at what costs.

9.0 New Business

9.1 Annual Meeting Pre-planning

Honor the Kennedys with a plaque, someone from the board to speak about their commitment and to acknowledge them. 6:30 dessert. Ask the foundation if they will pay for dessert. Take picture of Kennedys by plaque and put in paper. Amanda will be the point person for clean-up crew.

Actually invite/ask people to come to the annual meeting.

Baiers left at 5:20.

The Audubon Center of North Woods retreat is November 18. Sara may need to miss the tentative November 1st meeting.

10.0 Adjournment

11.0 Suzy moved and Susan seconded to adjourn at 6:23pm.