

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

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School
Thursday, December 17, 2015 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 4:03 p.m.
 - 1.1 Attendance-Check-in with updated Spreadsheet
Present: Mike Carlson, Annette Block-Valdivia, Alyssa Hedstrom, Kathryn Nelson-Pedersen, Suzy Schweig, Peter James, Clara Weitz, Beth Ferry, Jeff Kern, Patty Johnson
Also in attendance: Maren Webb, Kristin Wharton, and Frankie Jarchow from Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP)
 - 1.2 Check-In
2. Reading of the Mission: The mission of the school is to develop in each child: a love of learning; critical and creative thinking skills; mastery of the academic building blocks; the ability to nurture family, friends and self; a strong commitment to being a contributing member of a community; open-heartedness toward others; and a passion for life-long learning.
3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Kathryn, seconded by Jeff, to approve the agenda. All in favor – motion passed.
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1 Approve Minutes from November 19, 2015 Meeting
 - 4.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfers
Motion by Suzy, seconded by Mike, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor – motion passed.
5. Safe Routes to School Presentation
Maren gave a review of the SRTS program. A detailed report is in the drop box, including the mission statement and goals.
 - 5.1 Approve SRTS Resolution
Motion by Jeff, seconded by Mike, to approve the resolution adopting the SRTS plan update 2015. All in favor – motion passed. Kristin expressed her appreciation for Pete's strong support of the program.
6. Treasurer's Report
 - 6.1 Review of Audit with Jim Aylesworth from Miller McDonald
Each board member received a paper copy of the auditor's report for fiscal year 2015. Jim Aylesworth was available via conference call. He gave a summary of the report, highlighting certain sections, and is available to answer questions anytime.

The board discussed pension payments and changes in state funding per pupil. Mike reported on a cash flow problem; the line of credit available will not be enough to cover this school year. GEF may be able to lend us money and Beth has sent them a request.

We are going to move our checking account from Security State Bank to the North Shore Federal Credit Union, in order to streamline our financial transactions. To make that transfer happen, we need to have a one-signer agreement, but we will have internal controls that require two signatures for approval.

There was a first reading of the new financial policy.

7. Director's Report

7.1 Approve Revising of Corporate Resolution

Motion by Kathryn, seconded by Alyssa, to approve the new corporate resolution from the North Shore Federal Credit Union allowing 1 signature on line 3, pertaining to endorsing checks and transferring funds. All in favor – motion passed.

7.2 Approve Creation of New Checking Account

Mike recommended that the school create a new checking account at NSFCU.

7.3 Approve Collaboration Initiative with ISD 166

The board is favorable to working with them; no formal motion was made.

Pete's report also covered the following: the student art work on display at the Art Colony; the focus on writing at the all school assembly last week; the ISD166 school board is interested in collaborating more with us; Annette can no longer be on the board because she is now working as a substitute teacher and paraprofessional at GES, which creates an opening for a community member; signage will be posted in the hoop house stating that it is for school use only-no public occupancy.

8. Committee Report

8.1 Board Development

8.1.1 Scan Certificate & Update Training List

8.2 January Committee Meeting (January Retreat Goals, Renewal Check-in and Committee Assignments)

8.3 Personnel-Director Review Check in

8.4 Policy-Discipline Policy Final reading-print and add to Policy Book

Motion by Suzy, seconded by Jeff, to approve the final discipline policy. All in favor– motion passed.

9. Old Business

9.1 Annual Report Feedback

9.2 ACNW December 10th Site Visit Review,

9.3 Drop box Deadline: Monday before the meeting.

10. Upcoming Actions

January Work Session 1/7: Budget and Board Tree Review

January Retreat 1/16: 9:00 – 3:00 at NHFS, upstairs of Fish House

January Board Meeting:

Review and Approve Renewal Goals

Approve FY Calendar 2016-17
Approve FY Transportation 2016-17
Approve FY17 Enrollment Window plus Grade and Classroom Caps

11. Check-out

11.1 Meeting Survey

12. Adjournment

Motion by Jeff, seconded by Kathryn, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10. All in favor
– motion passed.

GES Board meetings are open to all. While guests may not participate during the business meeting, our host team is available to visit, answer questions, and discuss your issues 15 minutes prior to each meeting. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with our hosts during this time.