

Great Expectations School

Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School Thursday, February 18, 2016 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Jeff Kern, acting Chair in place of Alyssa Hedstrom, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1.1 Attendance

1.2 Check-In

Present: Jeff Kern, Kathryn Nelson-Pedersen, Suzy Schweig, Mike Carlson, Beth Ferry, Clara Weitz, and Peter James.

- ### 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 Mike, second by Suzy, to approve the agenda with the addition of 8.5 Facilities. All in favor – motion passed.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Approve Minutes

4.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfers

Motion by Kathryn, second by Mike, to approve the consent agenda. All in favor – motion passed.

5. Audubon Renewal Application Update

Pete has talked with David Greenburg at ACNW about the application renewal and the process is on track. Pete is expecting a renewal term of 4 years. Discussion about various aspects of charter schools locally and statewide.

6. Treasurer's Report

Mike reported that our income was much less than expected from the state. Expenses are relatively in line with the budget. We will use our \$48,000 line of credit, but it will not be sufficient to meet all expenses through the end of the school year. We need to explore other loans in the amount of about \$17,000. GEF will lend us \$5,000.

7. Director's Report

Pete reported on recent activities at the school, including a significant amount of illness among students and staff, the MathCounts competition, and 8th graders preparing to transition to ISD166.

7.1 Enrollment Cap Exception

Motion by Mike, second by Suzy, to increase the 3rd grade enrollment cap to 12 students to accommodate the child of a staff member. If a student withdraws from that

grade, the cap will go back to 11. Discussion about class size. All in favor – motion passed.

Motion by Kathryn, second by Mike, to approve the hiring of Kristin Blomberg as a part-time paraprofessional through the end of the year, to replace a staff member on maternity leave. All in favor – motion passed.

The 2016-17 calendar is on hold until ISD166 makes a decision.

GES is a 2016 MDE Finance Award winner.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Board Development

8.2 Technology: Reviewing Tech Plan & Project Planning

The technology plan for the next 2 years is posted in the drop box. Please review prior to March 3rd work session.

8.3 Personnel: Job Descriptions

Work has begun on the educators' job description.

8.4 Policy: Framework

8.5 Facilities: Jeff will bring a plan to the next meeting.

Board members were given a copy of the new brochure and a fundraising letter that is being mailed tomorrow soliciting donations for new Chromebooks.

9. Old Business

10. Upcoming Actions

11. Check-out

11.1 Meeting Survey

12. Adjournment

Motion by Suzy, second by Jeff, to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

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.