

Great Expectations School

Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School

Tuesday, January 15th, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions- the meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm
Present: Allison Lowe, Sara Hingos, Mary Haussner, Susan Miller, Jon Hedstrom, Amanda Hand
Also present: Amy Henrikson,
2. Reading of the Mission: Jon read 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- Susan made a motion to approve the agenda, Mary seconded-- Ayes all.
4. Consent Agenda- Allison made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Mary seconded, ayes all.
 - 4.1 Approval of minutes from December 18, 2012- ayes all
 - 4.2 Review of Expenditures and Fund Transfers
5. Treasurer's Report- Amy prepared a Power Point presentation to go over school finance, but she will save it until the full board can view it on Monday at the board retreat.
 - 5.1 Approve Budget Revisions – Amy went over the revised budget line by line to show what has changed. The MN Endowment and the MN Literacy Aid are both unexpected amounts. Fund balance at 7.8%. Susan made a motion to approve the revised budget, Amanda seconded, aye- Alison, aye-Sara, aye-Jon, aye-Amanda, aye-Susan, aye-Mary.
6. Director's Report –Pete supplied a written report.
 - 6.1 Approve Teacher's Aide Position Jon made a motion to approve the teacher aid position and have Pete do the hiring, Alison seconded, aye- Alison, aye-Sara, aye-Jon, aye-Amanda, aye-Susan, aye-Mary
 - 6.2 Approve Classroom Caps and Enrollment Deadline –Amanda made a motion to set the grade level cap at 10 per grade, 20 per classroom with the exception of returning students, Alison seconded ayes all.
 - 6.3 Approve ISD 166 Agreements – Jeff made a motion to adopt the 166 calendar, use the resident district for transportation and continue our extracurricular activity agreement, Mary seconded, aye- Alison, aye-Sara, aye-Jon, aye-Amanda, aye-Susan, aye-Mary.
7. Committee Reports -

7.1 Personnel – the Secretary of the board will respond in writing to the employee who wrote a letter about her sick time being used up by surgeries needed because she was injured on the job saying that the issue will go to the personnel committee.

7.2 Approve Revised Technology Plan some key points:

– need to replace the 10 old I-books for 2003...they are useless for testing and Accelerated Reader.

--need to explore new technology

-- Need digital projector in each classroom

--Install another phone line

--Update web-site

Amy went over the goals of the tech plan.

Susan made a motion to approve the technology plan as presented, Jon seconded, aye- Alison, aye-Sara, aye-Jon, aye-Amanda, aye-Susan, aye-Mary

8.0 Old Business

8.1 January Retreat- January 21, 2012 at North House in the Fish House 8:15 – 3:30.

9. New Business-

9.1 Facility Safety Working Group – to include a greater discussion about safety.

10. Adjournment- Jon moved to adjourn Mary seconded at 5:35 pm. Ayes all.

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