

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

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School
Tuesday, November 19, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Welcome New Member & Introductions - the meeting was called to order at 4:07

Present: Sue Butter, Allison Plummer, Sara Hingos, Jackie Dillenbeck, Jeff Kern at 4:30
Also present: Amy Henrikson, and Peter James

2. Reading of the Mission: Jackie 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- Jackie made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.4 and 9.5. Allison seconded. Ayes all.
4. Consent Agenda- Mary made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Sue seconded. Ayes all.
5. Approve Minutes from October 15, 2013 Meeting- Sara made the motion to approve the minutes as amended. Jackie seconded. Ayes all.
6. Review Expenditures and Fund Transfers -- No items of note.
7. Treasurer's Report- Allison reported the Finance Committee had a meeting. The updated budget to actual was within 300 dollars, and there were no major discrepancies. The committee is anticipating budget revisions ahead of the mid-year board retreat.

8. Director's Report

8.1 Approval of new paraprofessional hire- The rationale behind the approval is that more parents are requesting children evaluated, teachers identifying needs, and some students with more needs than originally expected. Jackie made the motion to approve the new hire and increase in SpEd hours. Sue seconded. Ayes- Jackie, Sue, Mary, Allison, Sara, and Jeff.

8.2 SpEd Hour Increase- Changing distribution of .5 Special Ed, .2 Specialist teacher, .3 Paraprofessional, to include about .1 FTE more Special Ed time

8.3 Nepotism Exception- Jackie moved to make an exception to the Nepotism policy to allow Amy James to continue working as the school nurse through the fiscal year. Jeff seconded. Ayes all.

9. Committee Reports

9.1 Committee Assignments- Allison is Finance, Jackie is Board Development, Jeanne remains Policy with Jeff helping, Sara will chair Personnel with Sue's help, Jackie and Jeff co-chair Communications, Amy will lead Technology with Jeff participating, Mary will take on Environmental Education

9.2 Nepotism Policy 1st reading- The board completed the first reading of the policy and recommended a few minimal changes.

10. Old Business

10.1 Legislative Changes- Sara, Pete and GES teachers to meet and define satisfactory academic achievement.

11. New Business

11.1 Annual Report Revisions- Board training information needs to be forwarded to Jackie on a regular basis.

11.2 Enrollment Review- Finance Committee to come with information of current and ongoing financial impact of increasing enrollment by one student per grade.

11.3 ACNW Retreat- Board suggested a requirement for each member to attend the annual retreat once during their term.

11.4 FVB Energy, Inc.- Mark Spurr and George Wilkes provided a summary of the biomass project and answered questions.

11.5 ACNW Board Assurances- New board members signed documents as per Contract of Charter with Authorizer.

12, Adjournment- Sara moved, Jackie seconded. Ayes all. Meeting ended at 6:08.s

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