

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

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School
Tuesday, August 18, 2015 4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order at 4:02
 - 1.1 Attendance & Welcome
Auditor Jim Aylesworth
Pete James
Sue Butter
Jeff Kern
Sara Hingos
Kathryn Nelson-Pedersen
Michael Carlson
Beth Ferry
Annette Block-Valdivia

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** to approve by Jeff, second by Kathryn-Ayes all

4. Consent Agenda –**Motion** to approve by Kathryn, second by Annette-Ayes all
 - 4.1 Approve Minutes from July 21, 2015 Meeting
 - 4.2 Approve Expenditures, Deposits and Fund Transfers

5. Treasurer's Report
Jim Aylesworth, the auditor from Miller McDonald, introduced himself to the board and gave us the following numbers in order to contact him:
218-751-6300, cell 218-766-3758
All board members signed the Related Party Disclosure forms.

6. Director's Report
 - 6.1 Approve New Hires-**Motion** by Annette, Sara seconds-eyes all
 - 6.2 ISD 166 Levy- **Motion** by Jeff, Annette seconds, to write a letter of support-eyes all. Pete will send the letter with endorsement from the board.
 - 6.3 Approve temporary Snow Removal-Pete will be empowered to contract for snow removal until Tom Nelson can resume his role. **Motion** by Annette, Sue seconds-eyes all.

ACNW renewal year. Pete reminded the board to consider some of the goals that were established in the past and make sure that we are restating the goals with intentionality.

David Greenwood from Audubon will attend our September board meeting. Pete will create a new folder named ACNW renewal plan that will contain the documents that we need for the process including the strategic plan that was generated at the board retreat.

7. Committee Report

7.1 Board Development-all board members are expected to continue to pursue new board members among the GES parents.

7.2 September Committee Meeting (Policy/Personnel)-the September committee meeting will be held as scheduled without the teacher members in attendance. Focus will be on the discipline policy as a first read and the personnel policy.

8. Old Business

9. New Business

9.1 Modular Building Planning-the lease is up in July of 2017. The board will begin to gather data regarding what the next steps will be when the lease is up. Several questions should be answered in advance of the lease expiration date.

Has it met our needs?

Should we continue with what we have or change it?

What are the costs to buy it? (The GEF)

What are other leasing options?

What are the costs associated with a larger building?

Is the building good quality?

Has it served its purpose adequately?

Pete will find the answers to some of the questions for the September meeting.

Additionally, Pete will begin to survey the staff in regard to the space and how it has worked for the school's needs.

9.2 Set Annual Meeting-Tuesday, November 10th at 6:30-7:30

Students will be involved this year in the hope that more families will come to the meeting.

10. Upcoming Actions

10.1 ACNW Retreat

11. Check-out

12.1 Meeting Survey

12. Adjournment- **Motion** by Kathryn, Jeff second -ayes all. Adjournment at 5:57.

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.