

Great Expectations School

Growing Hearts and Minds, One Child at a Time

Regular School Board Meeting at Great Expectations School

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

1. Call to Order/Welcome & Introductions- the meeting was called to order at 4:09 pm

Present: Allison Lowe, Sara Hingos, Susan Miller, Jeff Kern, Jeanne Smith

Also present: Amy Henrikson, Peter James

2. Reading of the Mission: Sara 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 with the addition of a personnel update under Committees (7.2) and the addition of Audubon Retreat under Old Business (8.1). Allison seconded. Ayes all.

4. Consent Agenda- Susan made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Allison seconded, ayes all.

- 4.1 Approve minutes from September 26, 2013 meeting

- 4.2 Review Expenditures and Fund Transfers

5. Treasurer's Report- Allison reported the committee had a meeting. The holdback was discussed. We can anticipate a period when we receive no payments or very low payments. We are still looking as though we won't have cash flow problems. Amy added that the budget to actual as of the end of June was revised (final numbers on special education receivables came in), so the Budget to Actual in today's packet is correct.

6. Director's Report – Pete supplied a written report. The bio-mass project will present a proposal to the school stakeholders at the annual meeting. The board gave permission to Pete to apply for the Blandin Community Leadership Program. If accepted, Pete will need a week off in February. Susan made a motion that Pete work with students no more than 1 session per week and a licensed sub will provide up to 2 days, if needed, for teachers to complete special projects. MACs is having a NE Directors conference on the 23rd of October in Duluth-Pete will leave here at 11:00am.

7. Committee Reports -

- 7.1 Board Development- Jackie Dillenbeck has agreed to fill the one year term vacated by Jonathan Hedstrom.

The board is still in need of one parent member, one community member, and one teacher for the upcoming slate.

7.2-Personnel- in the past we have received a tax credit for the premiums GES has paid. From now on, GES must sign up for a new plan through MNsure – Minnesota health insurance exchange - to continue to receive the credit. Amy has looked into the plans and GES will be changing employee's coverage as of Jan 1, 2014. Amy will facilitate updates to GES staff.

8.0 Old Business –

8.1 Sara is unable to attend the Audubon Retreat on Nov 1st and 2nd. So far ,just Pete is able to go.

9. New Business-

9.1 Annual Meeting- 7:00pm Thursday November 14, --Susan will arrange for volunteers to make some bars and cookies. Susan will arrange for a movie for kids hire a para to supervise the children. The regular board meeting is still scheduled for November 19th.

9.2 Legislative Changes- Pete put together a task description with the staff or committee responsibility and target date for completion.—see board packet--

10. Adjournment- Jackie moved to adjourn. Allison seconded at 5:55 pm. Ayes all.

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 30 minutes prior to each meeting. We invite you to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with our hosts during this time.