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HS Special Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2021, 5:00 P.M.

Hennepin Elementary School

2123 Clinton Ave. S., Mpls., MN 55404

HS MISSION: To provide all students with the knowledge, skills and character to graduate from high school and the confidence to continue on and successfully complete their post-secondary education.

HS BOARD EXPECTATIONS: Be respectful of time. Be open to communication. Be transparent to students and families. Make intentional changes. Set time limits. Be prepared.

HS BOARD 20-21 BOARD GOALS:

1. By January 2021, the Board will approve a plan of succession for the position of Executive Director of Hennepin Schools.
2. Quarterly, the Board will receive a report on progress towards developing a vertically-aligned plan for curriculum and instruction in October, January, and April to evaluate and strategically lead the school's academic performance and improvement.
3. By end of each school year, 80% of the teaching staff districtwide will have agreed to their 2021-22 offer letter at Hennepin Schools.

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88392865777>

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

5:00 p.m.

- Dr. Charlayne Myers
- Mr. Miguel Mendez
- Mr. Jeffrey Rainey
- Mr. John Slavik
- Ms. Christina Lacina
- Ms. Nekey Oliver

Absent:



OTHER ATTENDEES

- Dr. Julie Henderson, HS Executive Director
- JB Vang Consultant, Justin Fincher

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA – 5 Minutes

Motion to accept the June Special Board Meeting Agenda made by Ms. Lacina. Seconded by Mr. Mendez. All approved by verbal vote.

Dr. Charlayne Myers, yay; Mr. Miguel Mendez, yay; Mr. Jeffrey Rainey, yay; Mr. John Slavik, yay; Ms. Christina Lacina, yay; Ms. Nekey Oliver, yay.

NEW BUSINESS– 40 minutes

Review and Comment discussion and review

Mr. Fischer from JB Vang presented the Review and Comment. He thanked the board for calling the special meeting to do this work. Good news is we are making great progress. Needed full project plans that tie into finances and enrollment. 60 day review period ordered by statute. To hit our dates we've budgeted a full 60 + 20 day for approval by MDE and public notice. Once the board approves, R&C has to go to the architect for signature on the engineering and technical pieces.

Mr. Fischer reviewed the document page by page for requirements and questions.

Enrollment history. And projected enrollment patterns as approved by the board in March.

The following items were mentioned and reviewed:

Demographics

Wait list policy and applications

Geographic area of recruitment and service

Current leases and when they both end (2022) and their inefficiencies

Hired JB Vang as site manager and did search and narrowed it down

Deficiencies of old spaces as to why we need to move.

Size constraints and future enrollment

Planned renovation with minor improvements on the gym cafeteria and kitchen.

Minimal site improvements are needed

Usable square footage around 100,000. Classrooms of about 900 square feet each

Budget is in high level terms. Total project costs are within range of what the board approved in March (18.9 million).

Bond fund run is lower than what the board approved in March (4%)

Reviewed the layout and floor plans and where signatures were required by the R&C

Ms Abbs reviewed the budget and explained how the bond will be paid out.

Mr Rainey asked about what MDE will look at or look for in their review

Dr Henderson asked about the increase of square feet and why

Ms Lacina asked about the floor plans and any updates we may make

Mr Mendez asked about the map and a structure that no longer exists

Motion to approve the Review and Comment with correction on name spellings. made by Rainey seconded by Mendez.



Roll a call vote. All in favor.

Dr. Charlayne Myers, yay; Mr. Miguel Mendez, yay; Mr. Jeffrey Rainey, yay; Mr. John Slavik, yay; Ms. Christina Lacina, yay; Ms. Nekey Oliver, yay.

HS Board Investment Policy discussion and review

Our lawyer gave us some background as to why we need this policy. The current headline and also the OPM game when schools have attractive bond financing. JB Vang and lawyer suggest schools have a bond finance policy in place so that it is clear to ED and board what HS can and cannot do with the school's funds.

Policy contains 2 restrictions on amounts of funding that can be invested with approval by the board. Also the types of investments HS can make that are more fiscal conservative and aligned with state and federal laws.

Recommendation to have another board meeting in July. Dr Myers suggests an Executive Board meeting to review the draft policy before the full board meeting. July 27 @ 5 pm

Suggestion to add a date for the tentative special board meeting July 27 Tuesday @ 6 pm

OLD BUSINESS– 15 minutes

Staff Handbook discussion and review

Dr Henderson reviewed the staff handbook policy changes and what the policies means

Motion to approve the 21-22 Staff Handbook with the addition of defining emergency sick leave as an FMLA standard (an FMLA “qualifying event”) and as approved by supervisor by Mr. Mendez and seconded by Mr. Rainey. Roll call vote. Motion approved.

Dr. Charlayne Myers, yay; Mr. Miguel Mendez, yay; Mr. Jeffrey Rainey, yay; Mr. John Slavik, yay; Ms. Christina Lacina, yay; Ms. Nekey Oliver, yay.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Mendez and seconded by Ms. Lacina. Roll call vote. Approved
6: 34 pm

Dr. Charlayne Myers, yay; Mr. Miguel Mendez, yay; Mr. Jeffrey Rainey, yay; Mr. John Slavik, yay; Ms. Christina Lacina, yay; Ms. Nekey Oliver, yay.

Upcoming Events:

HS board meeting

Next HS Board Meeting, August 10, 2021, HES Gym, 6:00 pm