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Minutes—Board of Trustees Meeting May 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

All by Zoom Conferencing: Rick Marsico, Janine Azriliant, Renardo Wright, Janet Sanderson, Linnet Tse, Jack Callahan, Jumaane Saunders

Executive Director Richard Burke

Guest: Denis ORourke, Michael Kohlhagen, Robin Sharpe, Louis Cuglietto, Paulo Giovine (SED), Cliff Schneider

1. Jack Callahan welcomed and called the meeting to Order at 6:20 pm and thanked everyone for attending via Zoom. He went through a list of those present and mentioned their roles. He welcomed Mr. Paulo Giovine from the SED, who was participating via zoom again.
2. Mr. Callahan noted that the April minutes were on the Consent Agenda and asked if there were any changes or comments. The minutes were accepted.
3. Financials—Mr. Burke began reviewing the financials and shared his screen. Mr. Burke reported that we would end the year with a surplus. Mr. Burke mentioned that there had been a Finance Committee phone call earlier in the week that went into great detail on the financials. There was a discussion of improvements to be made in the yard and cafeteria for next year.
4. Executive Director Report- Mr. Burke discussed that the draft budget with the reduced payment to CEI the budget is balanced even with the \$450,000.00 cut in per pupil. The Board discussed the projected budget, and Mr. Burke stated that once we get more direction from the SED and Governor on any further cuts, he would report back to the Board.
 - a. Mr. Burke spoke of the plans for reentry of the students and staff into the school and programs for looking at ways for social distancing etc. use of the backyard and need for some work on it.
5. Mr. Callahan called for a motion to go into Executive Session, which was moved by Mr. Marsico and second by Mr. Saunders.
Mr. Burke put the outside members into the waiting room.

After 25 minutes, the meeting resumed. Mr. Burke continued to discuss the delay in presenting a strategic plan to the unknown factors moving forward. Mr. Burke then went

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into the Dashboard and went through the data that he placed on the screen. They reviewed each data point in the Dashboard.

6. Chairman Report-

Mr. Callahan spoke about what was discussed in the Executive Session and that the Board wanted to meet with Vickie Smith and David Frank before they moved on discussing the addition of Mr. Kohlhagen to the Board.

Mr. Callahan asked for Committee reports.

He mentioned that the Finance Committee had reported in the earlier discussion of the financials and budget.

Academic- Mr. Saunders reported that he planned a meeting in the next few weeks, Talked about the MPPR evaluation tool and training coming up in the next two weeks.

Mr. Marsico was asked about the Fundraising, and he mentioned that due to the Pandemic, it was on hold but would be looking restating when we know what the future looks like.

7 New Business

Mr. Callahan again stated that the question of Mr. Kohlhagen being added to the Board would be delayed.

There was a discussion by Mr. Burke about adding a 403B plan as an option for staff. Mr. Saunders moved that a 403B plan be added as an optional benefit to our benefits plan. Ms. Tse seconded it. The motion was approved.

7. Mr. Callahan asked for a motion to adjourn, which was given by Mr. Marsico and seconded by Mr. Saunders. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 Mr. Callahan then thanked everyone and mentioned that the next meeting: June 18 at 6:00 pm,



John Callahan
Board Chair

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