



Meeting Date Held: 10/24/2022

Time Held: 6:04pm - 7:38pm

1. Call to order, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Board President, Patricia Farley at 6:04 pm. Present directors were: Patricia Farley, Barbara Wiggins, Gyna Castillo, and Rosiland Bivings.

Absent were Joe DiRaffaele, Luis Aguilar, Lisa Windom.

Also present were non-voting participants: Tara Meierkord (Executive Director) and Mike Taack (Assistant Principal – School Sustainability Manager).

2. For Action (Approval of Consent Agenda)

Director Wiggins made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items with the presented changes to the August 22, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes. Carried over from September 26, 2022, Special Education Policy and Procedure Manual (Carried over from September 26, 2022), Civil Rights Complaint Procedures and Form, and the Wellness Policy. Director Bivings seconded, vote was unanimous.

3. Information and Possible Action (New Board Members)

President Farley and Executive Director Meierkord discussed possible new board members, Mr. Brill, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Connor. President Farley discussed the importance of reaffirming the financial commitment of board members to the school and the importance of potential board members to visit the school as well. It is important to know that the board is a working board as well. Qualifications of board candidates were discussed, as was the overall composition of the board. The importance of various community connections and partnerships was discussed. On the vote to approve Ms. Brown, Director Bivings made a motion to approve, Director Castillo seconded, and she was approved by unanimous vote. On the vote to approve Mr. Brill, Director Castillo made a motion to approve, President Farley seconded, and he was approved by a 3-1 vote. On the vote to approve Ms. Connor,

Director Castillo made a motion to approve, Director Wiggins seconded, and she was approved by unanimous vote.

4. Information and Possible Action (Addition of CSP items to Budget)

Executive Director Meierkord shared that the CSP Grant resubmission was awarded and explained that funds are distributed on a reimbursement basis. It was explained that the grant is not for two years, as additionally understood, but instead are only for the current year. This means that some items from the future budget are being pulled forward to meet the requirements of the grant. Some items for which spending is currently requested is the purchase of the current and next year's curriculum, a stipend and materials for an SBAC "bootcamp," a learning strategist position, and a data strategist position to support student learning. Executive Director Meierkord requested that \$220,000 in CSP funds be added to the school budget. Director Bivings made a motion to approve, Director Farley seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Information (Update on School)

Mr. Taack shared enrollment updates, information about withdrawals and chronic absenteeism, the new Office Manager, Laura Baldovinos, student council, and school Empowerment speakers. Executive Director Meierkord shared the results of several important community partnerships and events, including WRIN - UNLV Day on November 3rd, a connection with Lincoln Dynamic Foundation and plans to submit a LOI for "STEM at GEMS" program on November 1st, an ad and article dropping October 31st in Non-profit Life Magazine (exclusive to high-end donors), and a podcast opportunity with KUNV coming up with Rita Pardue. More details about the podcast are expected the first week of November.

6. Information (Treasurer Report)

Ms. Meierkord reported on the financials in Member Windom's absence. Report on ongoing financials included discussion of continuous enrollment challenges and the negative impact to budget. While grant funds remain an important part of the budget, the use constraints make some grants limiting. Executive Director Meierkord recommended ongoing fundraising efforts at the board level in addition to school-level efforts. Impacts of the CSP grant were discussed as well.

7. Proposed next meeting

Executive Director Meierkord recommended moving the November board meeting from Monday, November 28th to a later date in light of the holiday weekend. A date was not decided but further information would be coming to the Board by Ms Meierkord about a new date.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm