

Vanguard Classical School (VCS)
Board of Directors' Meeting
August 27 2020
Beginning at 6:30 PM MT
Virtual
MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

- A. Board Members:
 - a. Danielle Tomwing
 - b. Karen Secor
 - c. Hanosky Hernandez
 - d. Victoria Palomo
 - e. Dan Jorgensen

- B. Employees: John Cerny, Keria McCafferty, Emily Van Luit, Nathan Bryant, Dennis Steele
- C. Guest: Dawn Priday, Rick Boos

Call to Order/ Pledge of Allegiance/ Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Danielle Tomwing. The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion to approve agenda was made by Hanosky Hernandez seconded by Victoria Palomo and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Harsha Sekar's resignation from the Board

It was announced that because of a conflict of interest regarding the sale of the bond issue with ACCO Harsha Sekar submitted his resignation from the board. He will return once the bond is closed.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Dan Jorgensen as a Board Member

Dan gave a brief introduction of his background in education and experience.

Motioned by Victoria Palomo

Seconded by Hanosky Hernandez

After this vote the quorum has moved to 5.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Bob Fulton as a Board member

Motioned by Karen Secor

Seconded by Hanosky Hernandez

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of new Board President – Danielle Tomwing

Motioned by Victoria Palomo

Seconded by Hanosky Hernandez

Karen Secor expressed her concern about the president being an interim position and that we need a term limit for the board chair. In addition, we need a board secretary. A decision was made that this would be for a new Board President and not an interim president.

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of new Secretary – Dan Jorgensen

Motioned by Hanosky Hernandez

Seconded by Victoria Palomo

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Reimbursement Resolution for items paid on behalf of the Building Corporation.

Rick Boos reviewed the fees with the board; approximately 220K. Hanosky Hernandez and Karen Secor asked for further clarification on the understanding of the details lease agreement.

Motioned by Hanosky Hernandez

Seconded by Karen Secor

The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Disclosure Policy - Designating the CFO to ensure all disclosures are made in compliance with bond requirements.

Rick reviewed the documents and the policy. It has standard wording disclosure policy

Motioned by Hanosky Hernandez

Seconded by Victoria Palomo

Dan Jorgensen recused himself from voting

The motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Presented by John Cerny

Remote Learning Successes

250 K Chromebooks were purchased. Hotspots were purchased for families without Internet. 100+ tickets in the first week for technical issues. This week is about 3rd of these tickets.

Keria McCafferty mentioned a family in a cohort with other students with different schools and the parent expressed how pleased she is with VCS remote learning.

John Cerny stated teachers are teaching with teacher studios and he encourages parents to reach out if there are any issues.

Enrollment in West Campus is a bit lower than thought – 390 (20 below where we want to be). East Campus we are at 761 (55 over than where we thought we would be)

John Cerny stated mentioned that Rico Munn (APS Superintendent) spoke about unfound students that are not online but not enrolled in other schools.

Retention

Emily Van Luit gave an overview of staff retention. East campus is at over 90% over our staff retention and this allows us to customize our platform. We can offer our staff certification renewals. Emily Van Luit praised our staff and mentioned the countless hours they put in and stated how dedicated they are. Back to School nights were done virtually – Tuesday K-6 back to school night. Teachers answered questions and parents presented challenging questions. Last night was for the remaining grades.

Keria McCafferty expressed her appreciation of the parents. Teachers are feeling connected to parents. West Campus has a high staff retention. September 10th Back to School night will be hosted. West Campus had a meet and greet before school opened.

John Cerny stated families have been phenomenal and Nathan Bryant has put in a tremendous number of hours and expressed his appreciation for Dawn Priday and Rick Boos.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session (§24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.) – regarding Employee Personnel.

Attendance: Dawn Priday, Rick Boos, the VCS Board – Victoria Palomo, Karen Secor, Hanosky Hernandez, Dan Jorgensen

Start Time: 7:32 PM

Motioned by Karen Secor

Seconded by Hanosky Hernandez

The motion was carried unanimously.

End Time: 7:48 PM

Motioned by Karen Secor

Seconded by Hanosky Hernandez

The motion was carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEM

Approval of Executive Director agreement for FY21. – Vanguard ERS Salary

Motioned by Karen Secor

Seconded by Hanosky Hernandez

The motion was carried unanimously.

Karen Secor asked Dan Jorgensen to join the governance meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

VCS Board Meeting End Time: 7:53 PM

Motioned by Hanosky Hernandez

Seconded by Victoria Palomo

The motion carried unanimously by the board members.

Next Board Meeting confirmed - September 24th, 2020

