



To: PCCS Parents and School Constituents

From: Myron

Re: Board Briefs

Date: 5-19-10

The Prairie Crossing Charter School Board of Directors held its May, 2010 meeting one week earlier than normal on May 18, 2010 in the Conference Area of the Anna B. Comstock Building. The meeting was convened at 7:03 P.M. by President, Geoff Deigan. The following Board members answered present upon roll call thus constituting a quorum: Elizabeth Stearns; Dean Thorson; Dr. Eric Hebert; Steve Achtemeier, Treasurer; Dr. Barbara Provost, Vice President; Geoff Deigan, President; Tom Keenan; and Mark Dybas, Secretary. Board member, John Wylie was absent due to illness. Also present were: Terry Di Angelo, Board Recorder; Nigel Whittington, Executive Director Designee; Chris Hershiser and Adam Corra, Staff Liaisons; John Rizzo, Board Representative to the LLC; Sarah Kirch, Director of Development; Stacy Gavin, Business Manager; and Myron Dagley, School Director.

The assembly was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Mr. Nigel Whittington.

The board reviewed the contents of the agenda and then adopted a resolution accepting the agenda as presented without modifications.

President, Geoff Deigan then introduced Nigel Whittington to the audience and gave the floor to Nigel to make informal remarks. Mr. Whittington spoke briefly of his aspirations for his role in the School and for the school and then entertained questions and comments from the audience.

The Board then discussed each item on the Discussion Agenda which included:

- A review of the legal bills for March from Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn in the amount of \$9794.93.
- A second reading pursuant to the adoption of revised Policy 900.1, Fundraising and Gift Acceptance.
- A second reading pursuant to the adoption of revised Policy 900.3, Maintenance of Donor Records.
- A 1st reading of proposed amendments to Policy # 1000.4 Rental of Facilities to Community Groups
- A review of Draft #4 Tentative Budget FY-11

Following these discussion items, the President called for Public Comment. Audience member and parent, Laura E Fay, commented that she hoped the Board would look carefully at staff being considered for non renewal to assure that we are not losing staff who may demonstrate qualities consistent with our charter' curriculum even though there may be difficulties with the performance of

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their administrative functions. Audience member, Renee Bagri, inquired to make sure the Board had received the correspondence she had recently sent to Board members.

The Board then moved to adjourn into Closed Session to discuss matters of personnel employment and pending labor negotiations. It was announced that the Closed Session would take at least 45 minutes.

Following the Closed Session, the Board resumed its public meeting by addressing the reports listed on the Consent Agenda which included:

- The Director's Report including information from the Principal, Director of Development, Manger of Employee Benefits and Facilities, and the Business Manager.
- April, 2010 Financial Statements
- Treasurer's Report
- Report of the Human Resource Committee
- Report of the Governance Committee was presented verbally by Committee Member M. Dybas.
- Report of the Communications/Public Relations & Fundraising Committee
- Report of the Excellence in Academic Programming Advisory board
- The President's Report
- The PSO Report
- Review of the Open Session Minutes of the April 27, 2010 Meeting

The Board then adopted a resolution approving the Opens Session Minutes of it April 27, 2010 Meeting.

The Board also adopted a resolution accepting the other reports and financial statements which had been a part of the Consent Agenda.

President Geoff Deigan again called for Public Comment.

The Board then adopted the following resolutions from the Action Agenda of the meeting:

- A resolution authorizing the payment of the legal bills to Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn in the amount of \$9,794.93.
- A resolution adopting revised Policy 900.1 as further amended, Fundraising and Gift Acceptance.
- A resolution adopting revised Policy 900.3, Maintenance of Donor Records.
- A resolution adopting the Tentative Budget for FY-11
- A resolution authorizing the issuance of FY-11 teacher contracts as listed on Schedule 6A
- A resolution of non renewal for teacher case 5-18-10-1
- A resolution of non renewal for teacher case 5-18-10-2
- A resolution authorizing teacher assistant letters of employment for FY-11 as listed on Schedule 7A.
- A resolution approving the Closed Session Minutes of the April 27, 2010 Meeting.

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President, Deigan then asked the Board members to identify any items they wished placed on a future agenda for discussion. Vice President, Dr. Barbara Provost requested that the Board discuss the recruitment of future Board Members given the terms expiring in October, 2010. No other suggestions were forth coming.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Persons with questions about these board briefs or about the school in general are encouraged to contact President, Geoff Deigan, at 312 401-4372 or Myron Dagley, School Director at 847 543 9722 or 847 558-4761. We welcome members of the public becoming informed observers of the activities occurring at Prairie Crossing Charter School.

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