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Minutes
Board of Directors Special Meeting
May 26, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Abdullahi Alibarre, Sonja Berven, Hannah Lodge, Jennifer Van Haften, and Janet Youngers

Board Members Absent: None

Regular Attendees and Invited Guests: Bert Strassburg and Jeremy Striffler (Cushman Wakefield)

NOTE--Due to COVID-19 global pandemic, Board meeting was held via ZOOM (audio & video electronic format)

1. Call to Order
 - a. S. Berven called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.
 - b. S. Berven took roll call for attendance and all votes during the meeting.
2. Reading of the Vision, Mission, and Values
 - a. Read aloud by J. Youngers.
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Vendor contract--Monarch Transportation (student bussing)
 - b. Vendor contract--Done Right Foods (school breakfast and lunch catering)
 - i. J. Youngers motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - ii. H. Lodge seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Old Business
 - a. CLOSED SESSION: Consideration of information for the purposes of negotiating a lease for CRCS space in Riverside Plaza (Minn. Stat. §13D.05, subd. 3(c)(3))
 - i. A. Alibarre motioned to move to closed session for the purposes of negotiating a lease for CRCS.
 - ii. J. Van Haften seconded.
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously.
 - iv. J. Youngers motioned to return to open session.
 - v. H. Lodge seconded.
 - vi. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. OPEN SESSION: Possible action(s) related to closed session
 - i. J. Youngers motioned to approve the lease between Sherman Associates and CRCS beginning July 1, 2020 as presented.
 - ii. S. Berven seconded.
 - iii. Motion passed unanimously.
5. New Business
 - a. Strategic Planning Committee membership
 - i. Discussed having a quorum of Board members on the committee as well as the potential for the new Cultural and Community Liaison to join the committee.
 - ii. J. Youngers motioned to remove J. Van Haften and add Aminah Hussein to the committee's membership.

- iii. J. Van Haften seconded.
- iv. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Parent communication
 - i. In response to an email from CRCS' authorizer, PUC, regarding emails they had received disparaging CRCS, the Board discussed the concerns expressed and action steps to improve communication with families.
 - ii. Two people contacted PUC. One of the people CRCS has interacted with previously when he arrived at the school during the back-to-school open house in the fall of 2019. He is a known recruiter for other schools and had tried to dissuade families from attending CRCS. At the time of the open house, school administration asked him to leave and he eventually did. The tone and working of the communication he had with PUC is similar to the things he was saying at the open house, although the purpose is unclear. This gentleman also works for a local parent advocacy organization. The other person who communicated with PUC is the Executive Director for the parent advocacy organization. Neither gentleman is a parent of any students attending CRCS.
 - iii. The communication sent to PUC had several pieces of misinformation. This is concerning that misinformation could be spread to others in the community as well as CRCS families. Board discussed the importance of putting communication strategies in place that provides correct information and ensures families are able to recognize misinformation when it is spread.
 - iv. Board agreed to the following action steps:
 - 1. have the Strategic Planning Committee work on developing a communication plan that will include frequent communication with families and in a variety of forms;
 - 2. have school announcements and important information recorded on video and either sent to parents via email and/or play the video in the school's office;
 - 3. Parent Partnership Committee will hold a parent meeting via Zoom to receive feedback directly from parents rather than only relying on communication dispersed by Non-parents; and
 - 4. post recorded Board meetings on school's website following meeting so family and community members are able to hear information discussed.

6. Adjourn Meeting

- a. Next Board meeting will be on June 10, 2020 at 5:30 PM. The meeting will take place via Zoom unless notified otherwise.
- b. J. Youngers motioned to adjourn.
- c. A. Alibarre seconded.
- d. Motion passed unanimously.
- e. Meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.