



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2018
1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113

Board Members Present: Rachana Creeth, Nikki Doughty, Angell Farley, Edes Gilbert, Kathryn Love, Jessica Portis, John Ross, Tim Rowbottom, Mary Stillman

Hawthorn Staff Present: Meg Bliss, Raquel Evans, Julie Hercules, Dalayna Jackson, Sheri Miller, Robyn Wiens

Guests: Vicki May, Rose Windmiller

The meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM.

The motion to approve the consent agenda was made, seconded and followed by unanimous approval. The Board decided to change the date of the November board meeting to November 12 at 8 AM.

The Chair updated the Board about the SLPS/NAACP lawsuit. The 8th Circuit confirmed that charter school parents have standing in the case and the district court granted the charter school parents' motion to intervene in the lawsuit. The Chair thanked Dr. Miller for her significant efforts since joining the School last summer, including for working with Opportunity Trust and for setting goals for herself and the school leadership for this year.

The Finance Committee reported that revenue is behind budget because enrollment is down from projections. The Foundation will be making up the shortfalls through fundraising. Expenses are in line with budget, but the Finance Committee and administrative staff will continue to monitor expenses. The November board meeting will deep dive into the School's budget.

The Building and Grounds Committee reported that it is planning to look at the facility comprehensively to try to save money and proactively maintain the building.

The Executive Director next gave her report. She described the findings from the Opportunity Trust's site visit. The findings are in line with strategic priorities created by Dr. Miller, which she reviewed with the Board. Dr. Miller also reviewed the performance goals of each member of the executive leadership team at the School. The Opportunity Trust work at the school will kick off the strategic planning process.

A motion was made to go into closed session at approximately 5:38 PM pursuant to Sections 610.021(3) and (6), RSMo, relating to the review of personnel within the scope of the statute.

The following board members individually voted AYE to go into closed session: Rachana Creeth, Nikki Doughty, Angell Farley, Edes Gilbert, Kathryn Love, Jessica Portis, John Ross, Tim Rowbottom, and Mary Stillman.

The following board members individually voted AYE to exit closed session: Rachana Creeth, Nikki Doughty, Angell Farley, Edes Gilbert, Kathryn Love, Jessica Portis, John Ross, Tim Rowbottom, and Mary Stillman.

After a discussion confined to the matters stated above by those present, Ms. Love reported that no action was taken in closed session. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.



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Consent Agenda

(Applicable documentation distributed to the Board)

1. Approval of the Minutes of the prior meetings of the Board of Directors (September Meeting Minutes attached)
 2. Approval of Check Ledgers
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