



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting

May 18, 2020

1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113

Regular Meeting

Board Members Present on zoom: Kathryn Love (Chair), Liz Buchman, Rachana Creeth, Nikki Doughty, Mil Galvin, Edes Gilbert, Sara Goellner, Jason Hall, Angell Jackson, Alex Pearson, Jessica Portis, Tim Rowbottom, John Ross, Mary Stillman

Hawthorn Staff Present on zoom: Daphne Robinson, Sikina Lee

Others Present on zoom: Anne Schaffa, Sierhah Price, Kristie Skor, Claire Byrne, Lori Sommers, Victoria May, Rose Windmiller

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Kathryn Love.

The consent agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously. Kathryn Love gave the Board Chairs' report which included a description of the Head of School evaluation process, and then a presentation of her view of the SY 2019-21 accomplishments and challenges and planning for the SY2020-21 school year.

The board ratified the school's Form 990 which had been previously circulated to the board.

The Finance Committee Report was given by Rachana Creeth and EdOps. It was noted that staffing costs decreased in April. Next month, there will be an increase in cleaning cost and nursing supplies due to the pandemic. Transportation costs will see a reduction because of canceled fieldtrip and other outside activities since the school has been in remote education mode. The draft budget for next year was presented and thoroughly discussed. Hawthorn will have a little more budget flexibility depending on the number of students next year, which are budgeted to be between 100-150 students. The leadership of the school, supported by the Board, needs to continue to focus on enrollment. A motion to approve the SY2020-21 budget as presented was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Daphne Robinson Head of School gave her report. She described student retention and recruitment efforts. Summer school will not be offered this year because of the City health authorities' decision that in-person summer programs cannot be held. Hawthorn is making sure students have resources to work on this summer. School is scheduled to start on Aug 10, 2020.

Reporting for the Governance Committee, Jason Hall asked for feedback from board members on finding new board members.

The Board then approved a motion by following roll call vote to enter Closed Session to discuss legal (§ 610.021(1) RSMo.) and personnel (§ 610.021(3) and (13) RSMo.) matters:

Liz Buchman - aye
Rachana Creeth -- aye
Nikki Doughty -- aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert- aye
Sara Goellner - aye
Jason Hall -- aye
Angell Jackson -- aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Alex Pearson - aye
Jessica Portis – aye
John Ross - aye
Tim Rowbottom – aye
Mary Stillman – aye

A resolution to exit the Closed Session was approved by the following roll call vote:

Liz Buchman - aye
Rachana Creeth -- aye
Nikki Doughty -- aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert- aye
Sara Goellner - aye
Jason Hall -- aye
Angell Jackson -- aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Alex Pearson - aye
Jessica Portis – aye
John Ross - aye
Tim Rowbottom – aye
Mary Stillman – aye

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

