



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting
July 13, 2020
1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113

Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: Kathryn Love (Chair), Rachana Creeth, Nikki Doughty, Mil Galvin, Edes Gilbert, Sara Goellner, Jason Hall, Angell Farley Jackson, Alex Pearson, Mary Stillman

Hawthorn Staff Present: Daphne Robinson, Sikina Lee

Others Present: Sierhah Price, Claire Byrne, Vicki May, Lori Sommers, Justin Vavroch

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

The consent agenda was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Justin Vavroch of EdOps described DESE's current attendance guidance and how that would impact ADA calculations for the school year. The school will need to have an approved AMI-X detailing its potential alternatives for delivery of instruction such as fixed blended and virtual.

Sierhah Price of EdOps and Rachana Creeth then gave the Finance Committee Report for June and the full year 2019-20. The school ended the year with 47 days cash on hand. The Board accepted the finance report.

Kathryn Love gave the Board Chair report, highlighting the renewal of the school's charter and the new 5-year contract with Washington University. She also discussed planning for a fall Saturday board meeting.

A motion was made to approve a Resolution Suspending Policy to Align with COVID-19 Emergency, which had been distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

Daphne Robinson gave the Head of School Report. She described the current enrollment and staff has been reaching out to all currently enrolled families. She also described the operational

changes in the building to address Covid-19. She described the alternatives of in person instruction, fixed blended and online. A revised budget will be presented at the August meeting incorporating the money Hawthorn will receive under the Comprehensive Schools program as well as potential additional staff positions.

Next, the board had a discussion of what other school are planning for fall instruction. Nikki Doughty described the plans and potential changes in sentiment of independent schools as well as her understanding from SLPS and county school superintendents. Vicki May described instructional alternatives being offered at various other schools. A discussion ensued.

Mary Stillman and Claire Byrne gave a report from the Foundation on the money raised in the prior school year. They also described 2020-21 fundraising goals and plans.

The Board then approved a motion by following roll call vote at 5:35 p.m. to enter Closed Session to discuss legal (§ 610.021(1) RSMo.) and personnel (§ 610.021(3) and (13) RSMo.) matters.

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
Mary Stillman – aye

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

Rachana Creeth -- aye
Nikki Doughty -- aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert -- aye
Angell Jackson -- aye
Kathryn Love – aye
Alex Pearson - aye
Mary Stillman – aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:54 p.m.