



Hawthorn Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, June 14, 2021; 5:00 – 6:30 PM
1901 N. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63113
Via Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/5813822665>

Regular Meeting

Board Members Present: Kathryn Love (Chair), Rachana Creeth, Hal Davies, Jason Hall, Mil Galvin, Edes Gilbert, Alex Pearson, Mary Stillman

Hawthorn Staff Present: Daphne Robinson, Alisa Bennett-Hart, Estitia Stone

Others Present: Claire Byrne, Lori Sommers, Dr. ShiAnn Wallace

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

The consent agenda was moved, seconded, and approved. Kathryn Love thanked Jason Hall and John Ross for their dedicated service to Hawthorn. Both are rolling off the Board after many years, which began before the school was founded. Mary Stillman added additional remarks reflecting on Jason's and John's valuable contributions to the school.

Dr. ShiAnn Wallace gave a report on School Culture and Extra-curricular Plans. She described planned school cultural activities such as School Inductions, Spirit Weeks, College Trips, Friday Free periods, MLK Day, Black History Month, Women's History Month. She also explained how advisory period will be a time for academic check-ins and progress reports. She is also planning the following:

- VIP Breakfasts for parents; Academic Excellence breakfast and field trips
- Charter school athletics and afterschool activities and clubs
- Student Led Leadership Opportunities: Assemblies, Student Government and Announcements

Sierhah Price of EdOps and Rachana Creeth gave the Finance Committee Report. A budget revision is contemplated in last summer or early fall based on additional expenses to combat learning loss. The Finance Committee has reviewed the check register and the Board accepted the Finance report.

Ms. Gilbert on behalf of the Governance Committee of the Board of the School presented Matt Coen as a potential new Board member. His bio was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. Gilbert then nominated the following persons as Directors of the school to hold office for a three year term ending at the 2024 annual meeting of School or until their successors are elected and qualified:

Matt Coen

Rachana Creeth
Angell Jackson
Sara Goellner
Kathryn Love
Mary Stillman

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Gilbert reminded the Board that Liesl Schnuck will also join the Board at the July meeting.

Ms. Gilbert on behalf of the Governance Committee next nominated the following persons to the offices of this school set opposite their respective names, to serve in accordance with the Bylaws of this school, and at the discretion of the Board until their respective successors are elected and qualify or until their earlier resignation or removal:

Board Chair: Kathryn Love

Treasurer: Hal Davies

Secretary: Mil Galvin

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Ms. Love in her capacity as Board Chair noted that in connection with his election as Treasurer, she is naming Mr. Davies as her designee to have signature authority for the school as permitted by Section 2.2 of the Hawthorn Payment Process Policy.

Edes Gilbert reviewed the responses to the Board self-evaluation.

The Board discussed the wrap-up of various taskforces. The teacher pipeline taskforce is leading to the school's participation in the Teacher Residency Program. As a result of the transportation exploration taskforce, the school is still working on establishing a program with First Student for two bus routes. As discussed by the Washington University partnership taskforce, an after school tutoring program is in the works.

Daphne Robinson gave the Head of School Report. She updated the board on enrollment update, the Teacher residency program, open teaching positions, summer school, and ESSR III funds planning.

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.

Hal Davies - aye

Mil Galvin - aye

Edes Gilbert -- aye

Jason Hall -- 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:

Hal Davies - aye
Mil Galvin - aye
Edes Gilbert -- aye
Jason Hall -- aye

Kathryn Love – aye
Alex Pearson - aye
Mary Stillman – aye

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:43 p.m. *Recorded by Alisa Bennett-Hart*