

**KINGSTON HILL ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES**

July 24, 2013

4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. John Nazarian, Dr. June Groden, Helen Morcos, Stephen Panikoff, Debra Deion, Johnna Bicknell, Dr. Patricia Wisocki, Lorraine Melillo, Rob Raposo

Recording Secretary: Linda Ollari

Members Absent: Anne Kuzminsky, Dr. Ellen Nelson, Lisa Davis

Guests: Linda Paolillo

Dr. Nazarian called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to receive the minutes of the June 19, 2013 Board meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

2. Appointment of New Principal

Mr. Panikoff's retirement is effective August 2, 2013. Ms. Linda Paolillo, Assistant Director of Curriculum/Instruction at KHA applied for the position of Principal; there were no other applicants. Ms. Paolillo and the Board members discussed KHA's vision and future. Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to appoint Ms. Paolillo to the position of Principal of KHA. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

3. Presentation by Attorney Christopher Little (Board of Trustees, By-Laws, Open Meetings Law, Continuing Issue with Chariho

Attorney Christopher Little reviewed information from the By-Laws, Open Meetings rules and regulations, ethics and the Commissioner's decision regarding KHA vs. Chariho matter.

4. Issues Brought to the Board of Trustees by Alison Santerre-Raymond Regarding Special Education and School Configuration/Expansion

Dr. Nazarian, Ms. Morcos, Ms. Deion, Mr. Raposo and Ms. Mary Pendergast will serve on an ad-hoc committee to investigate the issues. The committee will meet at the conclusion of this Board meeting. Dr. Nazarian asked the committee to report their progress at the next Board meeting.

5. Reauthorization of The Groden Center Administrative Services Agreement

Dr. Groden, Ms. Morcos and Dr. Wisocki left the meeting room and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the motion to approve the agreement. The Groden Center Administrative Services Agreement is for the term of 1 year and is \$5,000 less than the previous agreement. This agreement is required as part of the charter renewal. A motion was made and seconded to accept the agreement. All disinterested parties voted to accept the agreement.

6. Reconsideration of Schedule of Future Board of Trustees Meetings

In place of the September 18, 2013 meeting, a new date of October 9, 2013 was proposed; and in place of the November 6, 2013 meeting, a new date of November 20, 2013 was proposed. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to change the two meeting dates.

7. Old Business

- a) The brick campaign celebration will be held on September 19 at 6:00. Parent visitation is at 6:30 that day. Refreshments will be offered. Invitations will be sent to parents and those that participated in the brick campaign. It would be nice to have Board members attend as well.
- b) There has been no word yet from the League of Charter Schools regarding the bids requested from three bussing companies.
- c) Mr. Panikoff reported that only 1 parent out of 22 was interested in driving their children to school this summer for the mileage reimbursement.
- d) Ms. Morcos distributed 2014 KHA budget handouts to the Board members. Revenue increased by 1.32%. Income from RIDE was decreased by 5%. Transportation increased by \$100,000. There is an increase in consultation services of the Special Education Director; Ms. Pendergast will now be at KHA on a weekly basis. There will be two full-time TA's and two part-time TA's. Dr. Nazarian asked for a motion to authorize \$20,000 from the fund balance for providing teacher aid resources if necessary. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to approve the budget as amended. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.
- e) Dr. Nazarian confirmed that the members of the Charter School Planning Committee (CSPC) are the President of the Board (Dr. Nazarian), the CEO (Ms. Morcos) and the Principal of KHA (Mr. Panikoff/Ms. Paolillo) and any other members not to exceed five.

8. New Business

None

9. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: August 21, 2013

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