

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

January 8, 2014

5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. John Nazarian, Anne Kuzminsky, Helen Morcos, Lorraine Melillo, Rob Raposo, Linda Paolillo, Debra Deion, Dr. Patricia Wisocki

Recording Secretary: Linda Ollari

Members Absent: Dr. June Groden, Johnna Bicknell, Lisa Davis

Guests: Tanya Deanseris, Assistant Principal and Attorney Christopher Little

Dr. Nazarian called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. Dr. Nazarian welcomed Anne Considine to the Board and thanked her for her commitment to Kingston Hill Academy and The Groden Center. Introductions were made from all Trustees and guests who were present. Anne's term will be one-year.

1. Approval of Minutes from November 20, 2013 Meeting

Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 Board meeting. Dr. Patricia Wisocki requested a correction; she does not wish to serve another one-year term on the Board. Rob Raposo made a motion to amend the minutes of November 20, 2013 to reflect that Lisa Davis and Anne Kuzminsky are willing to serve for another one-year term, and that Dr. Patricia Wisocki was not in attendance to state her intention.

The motion to amend the minutes was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Parent Comments/Staff Comments

None.

3. Financial Report – Helen Morcos

For the year ending June 2013, the audited financial statement for KHA indicates a surplus of \$59,989. There were no recommendations.

Ms. Morcos did not have a hard copy of October's Financial Statement but stated that the bottom line was approximately \$45,000.

Two items of note:

- Four students will be leaving KHA (three are relocations)
- Receivables; payment has not been received for special education students October and November, approximately \$40,000

Dr. Nazarian requested a motion to approve the financial report. The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

4. Principal's Report – Linda Paolillo

- Linda is working on replacing the four students leaving KHA.
- Linda and Tanya Deanseris attended PARC training this week regarding the upcoming field tests for third grade math paper and pencil (we do not have the computer capacity at this time). The first year testing will act as the norm; we will not receive any data from the testing. The tests will be timed, extended time is allowed. There will be practice sessions available for the children to become acclimated to the new testing materials and time limits.
- KHA's Open House is scheduled for February 6. Newspaper ads will run on January 16 and 23.
- Lottery applications are due January 28. To help determine next year's grades, a survey will be sent to the families of the fourth-grade students, to ascertain if the child will stay, will not stay

or if the family is undecided. The families will be invited to a meeting/presentation the following week and at the end of the meeting, they will be asked for a yes or no response.

- A parent from Compass organized a parent/staff meeting to address bussing issues which was held at KHA.
- Compass is coordinating a tech safety night to be held at KHA to address cyber-bullying and appropriate use of computers by children.
- A homework workshop will be held at KHA. Kids will be in classrooms with staff, doing homework activities. There will be a 1-1.5 hour session for parents discussing how to make homework positive and productive at home.

4a. Assistant Principal's Report – Tanya Deanseris

Standard based report cards will be going out at the end of January. Samples of the report cards were distributed to the Board members for review and discussion.

5. Safety Procedures – Linda Paolillo

Linda will be updating and finalizing safety procedures for KHA once she receives RIDE's model plan. The safety plan will need to be presented to the Board annually.

6. Nomination and Vote of New Board Member – Dr. Nazarian

The Trustees reviewed the resume of Lionel Murray. A vote was held and the motion was made to accept Lionel Murray as a Trustee for a three-year term, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The Board paused to thank Dr. Patricia Wisocki for her service on the Board. Dr. Wisocki then left the meeting.

7. Old Business

a. The Rhode Island League of Charter Schools submitted a request for bids for student transportation services. They will receive sealed quotes until January 17.

b. Bussing mandate for charter schools is complicated. Any action is tabled until the Rhode Island League of Charter Schools has made a decision regarding the bids for student transportation services.

8. New Business

Rob Raposo is relocating to Arizona, but stated that he could possibly attend one or two more Board meetings.

9. Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next meeting date: April 2, 2014

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