

**KINGSTON HILL ACADEMY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
Place of Meeting: Kingston Hill Academy**

Board Members Present: Mr. Stephen Nardelli, Ms. Helen Morcos, Ms. Debra Deion, Ms. Linda Paolillo, Dr. Lionel Murray, Ms. Johnna Bicknell, Ms. Lee Mita and Ms. Amy Walsh

Board Members Absent: Ms. Anne Kuzminsky, Ms. Anne Considine and Ms. Lisa Davis

Guests: Patricia Hill, Assistant Principal

Recording Secretary: Ms. Linda Ollari

Mr. Nardelli called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2015

Mr. Nardelli requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2015 Board meeting. The motion was made (Dr. Murray) and was seconded (Ms. Bicknell). All Board members were in favor of approving the minutes and the motion was passed unanimously by all Board members present. No Board members abstained.

2. Open Forum/Public Comment

No comments.

3. CEO Report/Finance Report

a. Finance Report

As of November 30, 2015, KHA has a deficit of \$38,117. Funds that the Board previously voted to transfer will not be transferred until the end of the fiscal year.

b. Upcoming Events

The Groden Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year. There will be an employee event on March 16. The Seaside Gala is scheduled for June 24.

4. President's Report

a. Create Subcommittee Memberships

Mr. Nardelli requested that Board members respond to Linda Ollari by February 10 with their interest in serving on a subcommittee for 1) Governance or 2) Evaluation

b. Water Tank Project Update

- The water tank will be shipped once it passes certification
- Ms. Morcos reported that she and E.W. Burman are negotiating changes to the contract

5. Principal Report – Linda Paolillo

a. KHA Upcoming Events

- Several PTO events which are listed on KHA's website
- End of quarter report cards in January
- Professional development session with Compass School and South Kingstown Police Department regarding crisis situations
- Parent workshop on bullying will be held in February

b. Discussion of Grade Level Configuration for 2016-2017 School Year

Of the 21 students in fourth grade, approximately 15 families indicated they are planning to return for fifth grade. Open House is scheduled for February 11; typically many applications

are received that evening. Ms. Paolillo recommended that the Planning Committee meet to discuss grade level configuration.

c. Discussion of Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year

According to 75 responses from parents, approximately 50% want to keep the February break (full week); approximately 25% prefer a shorter break; and the other 25% prefer no break at all.

6. Discussion/Vote to Convene Executive Session Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2) – Sessions pertaining to litigation regarding North Kingstown’s refusal to pay tuition for student(s) enrolled at KHA on August 15th.

Dr. Murray made a motion to convene Executive Session pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5 (a)(2) – Sessions pertaining to litigation regarding North Kingstown’s refusal to pay tuition for student(s) enrolled at KHA on August 15th. The motion was seconded by Ms. Morcos and was passed unanimously by all Board members present. No Board members abstained. Members of the public left the meeting room.

Upon conclusion of discussion of matters which relate to litigation regarding North Kingstown’s refusal to pay tuition for student(s) enrolled at KHA on August 15th, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §42-46-5(a)(2), Dr. Murray made a motion to close the Executive Session and return to open session. Ms. Mita seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously by all Board members present. No Board members abstained.

Dr. Murray made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Ms. Deion seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously by all Board members present. No Board members abstained.

There were no members of the public waiting to re-enter the meeting room.

7. Adjournment of Board Meeting

Mr. Nardelli requested a motion to adjourn. The motion was made (Ms. Walsh), was seconded (Ms. Morcos), and was passed unanimously by all Board members present. No Board members abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40pm.

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