

# RISE PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY

## MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

June 25, 2015 12:00 P.M  
303 CLINTON STREET, WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

After awaiting absentees, the meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Paulette Hamilton. In addition to Ms. Hamilton, the directors present were Lisa Baldelli-Hunt, and John Gregory. Absent were Chris Gruttadauria, and Donna Stone.

#### SECRETARY OF THE MEETING

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, moved to appoint Daniel C. Waugh as secretary of the meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

#### MINUTES

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, moved to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2015 meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

#### CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hamilton reported that an effort to recall her had been launched, but hopefully would fail to get sufficient support to be placed on the ballot. Proponents of the recall would have to garner adequate signatures by the deadline of July 3, 2015. If it fails, the Ms. Hamilton will be happy to continue on as board chair.

#### HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Murphy was pleased to report that on June 9, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education by a vote of 5-2 awarded the charter for RISE Prep. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and for everyone else's support, especially the RISE Prep families. Thanks for staying with the process during the long lead-up to charter approval. There is also pending legislation in the general assembly. Some of the versions would block funding or deny the charter altogether, but it looks like RISE Prep should be okay because the proposed funding freeze and the retroactive bar on approving charters have been removed from the bill. However, local approval might be needed. A question has arisen whether the location of the school has been publicly identified to RISE. It was privately identified before the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education voted, and the opponents of the school have made reference to the School's actual proposed location, so it is clear that that information is out there.

Incoming scholar packages are being sent out!

#### ELECTIONS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Mr. Waugh indicated that annual corporate report was due, and that electing a secretary and treasurer were important for that purpose. Chair Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Gregory, moved to elect Christopher Gruttadauria as Secretary. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, seconded by Chair Hamilton, moved to elect John Gregory as Treasurer. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

#### HEAD OF SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Baldelli-Hunt moved to approve the Head of School Employment Agreement. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2016 BUDGET

Mr. Lauck presented the fiscal year 2016 Budget. He stated that the budget reflected the reduction to 65 scholars, of whom 56 are currently admitted. Potential savings may be achieved through rubbish disposal services, or the lease.

There should definitely be some savings on transportation. There is a reduced need for teachers and uniforms. Some savings in repairs and maintenance might be possible. There also might be reduced supply purchases. The board will be able to consider a revised budget at its July meeting, when enrollment should be better determined.

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Chair Hamilton, moved to approve the budget, with the understanding that it could be revised. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

#### PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public asked questions about the Woonsocket Teachers Guild lawsuit and stated that the performance of traditional public schools needs to be brought home to council members.

#### FACILITIES

Ms. Gregory, seconded by Chair Hamilton, moved pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(5) to go into Executive Session to consider the acquisition or lease of real estate. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

\* \* \* EXECUTIVE SESSION \* \* \*

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms Baldelli-Hunt, moved to leave executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

Ms. Gregory, seconded by Chair Hamilton, moved to seal the minutes of the executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Chair Hamilton, moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, HAMILTON. NAY: None.

Chair Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Daniel C. Waugh,  
Secretary to the meeting