

RISE PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY
MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

May 26, 2016
1 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Paulette Hamilton. In addition to Ms. Hamilton, the directors present were, Donna Stone, John Gregory, Chris Gruttadauria, Raymond Leveille, and Steven Pontbriand.

MINUTES

Draft minutes of the meeting of April 7, 2016, were presented. Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Leveille, moved to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2016 meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE; ABSTAIN: HAMILTON

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt arrived at 5:10 pm

PUBLIC FORM

Ms. Hamilton announced a public forum and asked if any members of the public were present and wished to comment. No members of the public appearing, Ms. Hamilton closed the public forum.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Murphy reported that there have been no changes in the current enrollment. They are currently identifying scholars intent to return and expect 100% of current scholars to return next year. There are currently 2 Kindergarten and 1st grade teaching positions still open for the 2016-17 school year and interviews are ongoing with the intent to fill the positions by June 15, 2016.

Ms. Murphy provided an update on current legislative actions, including the Governor's funding formula proposal well as the new bills that have been introduced. One of the bills would impose Local Control, which would require any North Smithfield student to get approval to apply to RISE Prep.

Ms. Murphy also provided reports on the MAP Nationally Normed Winter 2016 Quadrant results. Copies of these results can be provided upon request. Additionally, RISE Prep families will be doing a park cleanup at Cass Ave Park on June 4 beginning at 9:00 AM.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

There were no comments from the Board Chair.

CONSIDERATION OF RISE PREP VISITOR POLICY

Ms. Murphy presented the updated version of the visitor policy draft to the Board for review. The Board recommended additional edits and a final review by legal counsel. The final draft will be delivered at the June Board meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF PHASE II CONSTRUCTION BID

Ms. Murphy updated the Board that the planned construction has been split into two phases (Phase 2A and 2B), based on anticipated enrollment and needs for 2016-17.

CONSIDERATION OF BOARD MEMBER RE-ELECTIONS

Ms. Lisa Baldelli-Hunt is up for consideration of re-election to the board of directors.

Ms. Stone, seconded by Mr. Pontbriand, moved to approve the re-election of Ms. Lisa Baldelli-Hunt as a Class B member of the Board of Directors for a term expiring 2019. The motion carried as follows: AYE: HAMILTON, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

Mr. John Gregory is up for consideration of re-election to the board of directors.

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, moved to approve the re-election of Ms. John Gregory as a Class B member of the Board of Directors for a term expiring 2019. The motion carried as follows: AYE: HAMILTON, BALDELLI-HUNT, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED 2016-17 BUDGET

Ms. Murphy presented the board with a draft of the revised proposed 2016-17 school year budget. The budget proposal outlined the expected revenue and expenses for the 2016-17 year.

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Pontbriand, moved to approve the revised 2016-17 budget proposal. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, STONE, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

DISCUSSION OF 2015-16 FINANCIALS

Ms. Murphy presented an updated version of the 2015-16 Actual to Budget financial report as of April 30, 2016. The Board provided additional recommendations on general formatting.

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt left the meeting at 6:10 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chair invited a motion to into executive session. Ms. Hamilton, seconded by Mr. Gregory, moved to enter executive session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5(5) for the purpose of discussions or considerations relating to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property when advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. The motion carried as follows: AYE: STONE, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE.

*** EXECUTIVE SESSION***

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to leave executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE STONE, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE.

Mr. Leveille, seconded by Mr. Gregory, moved to seal the minutes of the executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: STONE, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND NAY: NONE.

Secretary Gruttadauria announced that the Board in executive session had authorized the Head of School to negotiate and sign a contract, not to exceed \$5,000 in value, for the purposes of permits and other preliminary costs of Phase II construction.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FINANCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Topic to be moved to the June Board meeting. Overall goal of the committee would be to move towards operating on public funding and reduce reliability on fundraising.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Leveille, moved to adjourn. The motion carried as follows: AYE: GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE, PONTBRIAND; NAY: NONE

Ms. Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Gruttadauria