



## **Governance Board Meeting 11.13.23**

### **Meeting called to order**

Board Chair James Rossman called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Present were Board Members James Rossman, James Ballard, Doug Amoroso and Karl Langefeld; Beth McIntyre joined via Zoom. Staff members Josephine Isenbergh, Loretta Gallo-Lopez, and Heather Rodriguez were present. Clay Clemens of the Project Focus Foundation was also present. Edward Briggs from RSA Partners joined via Zoom.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve the consent agenda, including the minutes from the September 25 meeting and committee reports; seconded by Mr. Amoroso. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Comment**

No members of public present; no public comment.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Governance/Planning/Technology Committee

- Formalized dispute resolution guidelines were reviewed in committee, and are submitted to the Board for approval
- The new Special Magistrate procedure is an additional step that is now required by the State
- Documentation and links will be added to the website
- Civility Policy will also be submitted to the Board for review as an addition to the Parent/Student Handbook

#### Finance & Compensation Committee

- Budget updates and discussion

#### Marketing, Advocacy and Fundraising

- City of Temple Terrace Fall Festival participation
- Project Focus Gala was a huge success, with a larger venue needed for future events
- Open Enrollment is ongoing through January, and with additional students continuing to apply for this school year
- Middle School is the enrollment growth area

### **Administration Report**

- Grants update: ESSER II funds have been approved, nearly matching the submission. IDEA Part B grant was also submitted and should cover staff retention funds and curriculum; previously purchased curriculum for this year as well as distributed staff bonuses will be reimbursed.
- New trainings for threat assessment required by the State for the administrative team
- Mr. Amoroso asked Mr. Briggs if there is an objective source about the grants and funding available rather than relying on the District. Mr. Briggs indicated that the District receives notifications from the Federal and State level and should therefore communicate those opportunities to the school
- Mr. Briggs indicated that the special session at the State is focused in part on the Unique Abilities scholarship, funding. Education deregulation is a big topic in Tallahassee with recommendations from committee sent to the Governor. Schools were surveyed for policies that should be deregulated. Teacher certification extension from 5 years to 10 years is one of the items that is now being discussed in committee with potential to go to full approval. An additional change is for charter school contracts to be increased to 30 years up from 15 years. Other topics: funding distribution, the list of services covered in the 5% admin fee that charter schools pay. IDEA funding options are being closely watched. Additional changes to job codes for the District vs. the charter school which allows for differing levels of access in the District system.

Hillsborough County School District will most likely be asking for additional property tax millage, and should it pass, then will have a portion of funding for charter schools.

- Mr. Briggs also relayed conversations that are happening at the State level regarding the 67 IQ requirement, which is dictated at the Federal level. If any State has more than 1% of their students on an alternate assessment they are required to apply for a waiver from the Federal government; this year's application for a waiver was denied.

### Project Focus Foundation Report

- Budget and Strategic Planning Committee are both new committees for the Foundation
- New applications for four different grants for assorted projects for the different initiatives
- Sustainer Society program is being instituted with "Campus Coffees" with small groups for information/awareness as well as donors
- Working on putting forth a new State appropriation for Focus Forward expansion
- Potential donors/contacts will be attending the Winter Performance on Dec. 1
- Next Campus Coffee will be on December 7

### Old Business

- No old business.

### Action Items

- District financials approval — Mr. Langefeld made a motion to approve and submit financial reports for the District; Mr. Ballard seconded.
- Special Magistrate — Mr. Amoroso made a motion to approve the Special Magistrate policy and documentation; Mr. Langefeld seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Grievance Policy — Mr. Langefeld made a motion to approve the new grievance policy; Mr. Amoroso seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Civility Policy — Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve the new civility policy; Mr. Amoroso seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Business with new financial institutions — Mr. Ballard made a motion to approve administration to explore new business banking relationships with flexibility and best return; Mr. Amoroso seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### New business

- Campus Shield software will be purchased for campus security/background checks.

### Public Comment

No public comment.

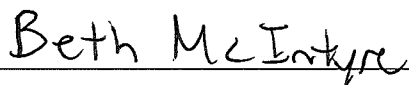
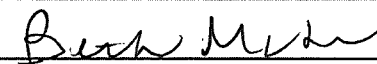
**Upcoming events:** Great American Teach In, Nov. 15; Fall Break, Nov. 20-24; Winter Performance, Dec. 1; Winter Festival, Dec. 13.

### Adjournment

Mr. Ballard made moved to adjourn; Mr. Langefeld seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

**Upcoming meetings:** January 22, 2024; March 25, 2024; April 22, 2024; May 13, 2024; June 24, 2024.

Minutes taken and prepared by Heather Rodriguez, approved by Board vote and confirmed by signature below.

	
Print Name	Title
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Signature	Date