

GRAND RIVER PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 17th, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

a. Board Correspondence

There was no Board Correspondence to report.

b. Public Comment on Agenda Items

The Board took a clarifying question from Mr. Bokma about the proposed Fundraising Policy and Charter Amendment (Revised Curriculum) agenda item. The Board asked Mr. Bokma to hold a question about administrator turnover until Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORT

a. School Leadership Report

Mr. Angerer responded to a request from the Board to recap for the Board the events of the summer leading up to this point, which he did.

Mr. Angerer announced that Ms. Koree Woodward has been named the Principal of Grand River Prep. Ms. Woodward re-introduced herself to the Board, recounting her history with Mr. Angerer both at a prior school and at Grand River Prep, as well as her experience as Principal of Wellspring Prep. She then introduced Mr. Aaron Romoslawski as Assistant Principal; Mr. Romoslawski shared his background and passion with the Board. The Board congratulated Ms. Woodward and Mr. Romoslawski on a great start to the school year and for setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

Ms. Woodward initiated the School Leadership Report by introducing Ms. Stephanie Mousseau, a four-year social studies teacher at Grand River Prep. Ms. Mousseau shared her passion for history and explained to the Board the teacher mentoring program she was taking the lead in developing this school year. Ms. Woodward also introduced the Board to Ms. Megan Lawrence, a senior at Grand River Prep. Ms. Lawrence shared her passion for Grand River Prep and described her role in the revamped Student Orientation, specifically the peer mentoring aspect for incoming freshmen. The Board thanked Ms. Mousseau and Ms. Lawrence for meeting the Board and wished them well in the new school year.

As they delivered the School Leadership Report, Ms. Woodward and Mr. Romoslawski answered questions from the Board about the Standards-Based Grading (SBG) phase 2 transition for 10th grade courses, enrollment, and new staff hires and retaining high-quality staff.

i. *2014-15 NWEA Proficiency and Growth Results*

The Board reviewed 2014-15 NWEA Proficiency and Growth Results report, and Mr. McAnally and the School Leadership Team provided additional clarification.

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ii. *2015 Advanced Placement (AP) Results*

The Board reviewed the 2015 Advanced Placement (AP) Results report, and Mr. McAnally and the School Leadership Team provided additional clarification.

iii. *2014-15 Bullying and Harassment Report*

The Board reviewed the 2014-15 Bullying and Harassment Report. The School Leadership Team reiterated the initiatives underway to build and support a positive school culture, and referred particularly to the new freshman orientation/mentoring program spoken of earlier by Ms. Lawrence.

iv. *2015-16 Board Fund Budget*

The Board reviewed and discussed the 2015-16 Board Fund Budget proposed by the School Leadership Team.

b. Michigan “Early Warning” Laws

The Board reviewed the summary memo on the new “Early Warning” laws in effect. Mr. McAnally and Ms. Kaleefey provided additional clarification.

c. Fingerprint/Background Check Process Update

The Board reviewed the summary memo from Board legal counsel and discussed options for designating the Authorized Recipient for Criminal History Record Information (CHRI). Mr. McAnally and Ms. Kaleefey provided additional details.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Remenap introduced himself to the Board and the school’s GVSU Field Representative, announcing that Bob Fortin has retired. Mr. Remenap summarized his background and passion for his work.

Mr. Remenap shared that the 2014-15 Academic Grant will be made available once the state releases ACT scores. He also distributed information on the criteria to earn the 2015-16 Academic Grant.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Election of Officers and Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

Mr. Booy and Ms. Zehr proposed a slate of Board Officers, which the Board discussed.

b. Fundraising Policy

The Board reviewed the draft Fundraising Policy as prepared by Board legal counsel with input from the School Leadership Team and PrepNet. Mr. DeVries asked Mr. Angerer to respond to the question in Public Comment from Mr. Bokma regarding

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recurring fundraiser, which he did to clarify that one form may be submitted for recurring fundraisers.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of the June 17, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to approve the June 17, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Approval of the 2015-16 Board Fund Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Zehr to approve the 2015-16 Board Fund Budget as presented totaling \$35,000 and comprised of \$23,500 for Athletics, \$2,000 for Music, \$2,000 for Art, \$2,000 for Student Clubs, \$1,000 for Student Incentives, \$1,500 for Field Trips, and \$3,000 for Graduation. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. Approval of the Election of Officers and Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Zehr and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to approve the Election of Officers and Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Resolution as presented, with Mr. DeVries as President, Mr. Booy as Vice President, Ms. Zehr as Treasurer, and Ms. Cuthbertson as Secretary; in addition, the Treasurer was designated the Chief Administrative Officer of the school, and the PrepNet Chief Financial Officer as the agent of the CAO. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. Approval of the Criminal History Record Information Resolution

A motion was made by Ms. Zehr and supported by Ms. Cuthbertson to approve the Criminal History Record Information Resolution as presented to designate Mr. DeVries as the school's Authorized Recipient/User and the Board's authorized representative to negotiate and execute an agreement with an approved Authorized Recipient should the school identify and enter into such an agreement. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Approval of the Fundraising Policy

A motion was made by Ms. Cuthbertson and supported by Ms. Zehr to approve the Fundraising Policy as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

f. Approval of the Charter Contract Amendment (Revised Curriculum)

The Action Item was tabled.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no Board comments.

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9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Bokma commented on his perception of the formality and rigidity of the public comment process; he also commented on administrative turnover and other factors that contributed to teacher turnover over the past school year and through the summer. He commended the teacher mentoring program underway and encouraged the Board and School Leadership Team to support it; he also noted that while AP results were up, AP participation was down in 2014-15. Finally, he relayed to the Board that recent meetings with the Parent Run Organization and the School Leadership Team have taken place and were positive. The Board thanked Mr. Bokma for his comments.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Booy and supported by Ms. Zehr to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

OFFICER OF THE BOARD

SIGNATURE _____

Patti M. Lynn

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.