

Ivy Hawn Board Meeting

May 21st, 2024

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Gregory LeFils (Chair), Rob Bitler (Treasurer), Sarah Brow Corrigan (Secretary), Rob Wyatt, Carmen Hall, Rob Baldwin, Lacey Lassiter, Joey Maxwell, Danielle Suhr

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Gregory LeFils at 6:01 PM

Public Comment

Members of the public were given two minutes each to make comments to the board. There were no public comments.

Approve Prior Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes from April 4th, 2024 meeting – Rob Bitler motioned
- Motion Seconded – Rob Wyatt seconded
- Motion passed unanimously

Board Secretary Report

There were six emails sent to the board this month. All emails were received and responded to in a timely manner. Ms. Suhr provided an update re. the attendance appeal and communication records- still waiting for clarification from the parent about which records are requested.

Treasurer/Finance Report

Rob Bitler reviewed the monthly financial reports. Financials continue to be in good shape. Currently over YTD in electricity costs, budget reflects rising costs with city storm water costs. Annual contract renewal with SFS (financial contractor) is up, planned renewal. Proposed budget has been submitted for bond.

Board Position Interviews and Vote

- Derek Patterson
- Julie Yadanza
- Snezhana Zheltoukhova
- Daniel Conard (virtual)
- Dr. Larry Correll-Hughes (virtual)

The board held discussion surrounding the number of candidates/board positions to be filled.

- Motion to select three board members- Joey Maxwell
- Motion Seconded- Rob Wyatt
- Motion does not pass 3:4
- Motion to select one board member: Rob Bitler
- Motion Seconded- Carmen Hall
- Motion does not pass 3:4

The board held further discussion concerning what skills would be beneficial to add to the board. The board reviewed each candidate and commented if the candidate would make top three vote. The board reviewed the three candidates with the most votes: **Julie Yadanza, Snezhana Zheltoukhova, Daniel Conrad.**

- Motion to accept all three candidates with the most board member votes- Dr. LeFils
- Motion Seconded- Joey Maxwell
- Motion passes 4:3, Julie Yadanza, Snezhana Zheltoukhova, and Daniel Conrad are voted onto the board.

Arbitrage Update

Dave Kaplan presented on Arbitrage Management Group. Mr. Kaplan reviewed the school's bond and current standing. Described as "earning while protecting." Mr. Kaplan will send an updated earnings report. Presented a cash management program as an option to hold excess funds (via Goldman Saks).

Principal Update

- **Fire Sprinklers**- no bids currently. Timeline to be operational by August. Emergency board meeting to be called once bids come in next week.
- **Transportation**- held a transportation townhall. \$51,000 deficit in transportation costs with low student attendance (averaging 34 student riders/day). Additional options have been explored (i.e., Everdriven, Votran, Voride). PAC held discussions surrounding carpooling, insurance and liability concerns. Carpool option is being recommended (with a liability waiver). Carpooling will be on a volunteer basis, funding exists through Step Up For Students (\$750/student). The parent carpool option would satisfy state statute requirements.
 - Motion to exercise option to withdraw from contract with BTM- Rob Bitler
 - Motion Second- Rob Wyatt
 - Motion passes unanimously

Budget Approval

- Motion to approve the preliminary budget as presented- Rob Bitler
- Motion Seconded- Joey Maxwell
- Motion passes unanimously

Election of Board Officers

Bylaws require the board to re-elect board positions annually.

- Dr. Gregory LeFils was re-elected as Chair.
- Rob Wyatt was elected as Vice Chair
- Rob Bitler was re-elected as Treasurer
- Sarah Brow Corrigan was re-elected as Secretary

Committee Updates/Reports (if any)

Calendar committee update- the board held discussion surrounding the goals for the calendar committee and discussed clear objectives for moving forward. The Calendar Committee will be re-named to the "Teacher and Administration Retention and Recruitment Sub Committee." The sub committee will focus on recruitment and retention, teacher/admin wellness, and community needs. Overarching goals to boost morale and improve climate.

New Business

Board Member Immersion Proposal: "Proposal for Amending School Governing Board Bylaws: Board Member Engagement with School Culture"

- Motion to add the language as written to the policy and procedures manual- Rob Bitler
- Motion Second- Carmen Hall
- Board Discussion: Rob Bitler proposed changing language in third bullet point to "volunteering" at school events. Encourage coordinators of events to reach out to board member staff for volunteer opportunities.

- Amendment for language change- Joey Maxwell
- Motion Seconded- Rob Wyatt
- Motion passes unanimously

Old Business

The Board members discussed and appointed attendance for upcoming school events for the next month.

Next Board meeting set for June 18th 6PM

- Motion to Adjourn – Dr. Gregory Lefils
- Motion Seconded – Lacey Lassiter
- Motion passed unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM