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BOARD MINUTES

Date: March 15, 2017

Location: Hawbridge School

Attending Board Members: Todd Nicolet (Chairperson), Rowena Khot (Vice Chairperson), James Cajka (Treasurer), Karamarie Fecho (Secretary), Rick Morse, Jonathan Romm, Liz Sullivan

Attending Executive Director and Faculty/Staff: Kenny Moles (Executive Director), Jonathan Farmer (Faculty Representative to the Board), Daryl Feldman (co-Assistant Director and Faculty Member), Jennifer Shelton (co-Assistant Director and Faculty Member), Emily Martin (Guidance Counselor), Mya Ciccotti (EC Coordinator)

- I. Call to Order
 - 6:04 pm.
- II. Roll Call
 - 6:04 pm.
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion to approve. Seconded. Unanimously supported. 6:05 pm.
- IV. Recognitions
 - A. Inaugural Basketball Teams
 - Assistant Director Feldman recognized the school's inaugural boys and co-ed basketball teams. The inaugural season was highly successful. The teams were so popular that the coaches had to make several difficult cuts to the teams. Director Moles acknowledged the coaches, players, and parents. Board Chair Nicolet commented on the amazing success of the first season for the Hawbridge basketball teams.
 - Director Moles and Assistant Director Feldman presented Mr. Bennett, coach of the boys basketball team, with a plaque. Mr. Young, coach of the co-ed basketball team, arrived to the meeting later and was also presented with a plaque by the Director and Assistant Director.
- V. Public Comment
 - No public comment was offered.



VI. Consent Items

A. Approval of previous meeting's minutes

- Board proposed two edits to the minutes that were suggested *via* internal email exchanges among Board members.
- Motion to approve minutes pending suggested edits. Seconded. Unanimously supported. 6:13 pm.

B. Future Meetings/Events:

1. Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017

- Motion to approve. Seconded. Unanimously supported. 6:14 pm.

VII. Reports

A. Board

- Board discussed the possibility of creating a list of available summer options for students. Ms. Martin clarified that she posts opportunities in paper outside of her office door and electronically *via* the Hawbridge School Twitter account. Board and Ms. Martin agreed that it would be a good idea to consider consolidating the available information for distribution among Hawbridge families.

B. Director

1. 2017-2018 Lottery Update

a) Projected enrollment

- School received roughly 380 applications for grades 6 through 12. Director Moles admitted 334 students in grades 4 through 12, per the sibling/teacher preference provision and with Board approval from the February 2017 regular meeting. Thus far, 331 students have accepted admission to the school for the 2017-2018 school year; the remainder of the admitted students have withdrawn their applications.

C. Treasurer

- Treasurer Cajka reported that the school's budget is on track. Budget is slightly ahead on income revenue and slightly behind on expenditures. Unexpected (but positive) new student per capita reimbursements from the state pushed the projected income revenue a bit higher than previously expected. Building maintenance expenses remain below the projection, but those expenses are expected to be spent during the FY2016-2017 budget year.
- Director Moles noted that the budget for FY2017-2018 will be presented to the board during the April 2017 regular session, for approval during the June 2017 regular session.

VIII. Unfinished Business



A. Hawbridge Expansion Update

1. Financial Feasibility Update

- Little Diversified Architectural Consulting gave a presentation to the Board Expansion Subcommittee. The purpose was to examine logistics related to roadway access, traffic flow, water access, waste disposal, building materials, etc. A number of new issues arose during the meeting. Board Subcommittee will keep the Saxapahaw community fully engaged in these discussions with Little, as many of the issues will involve local residents and businesses. Board Subcommittee will meet for another visioning session next week.
- Board Chair Nicolet clarified that the Board and Board Subcommittee will ensure that all logistical land design plans are fully aligned with the results of the financial feasibility study.

B. School Resource Officer Proposal

1. Community Groups Update

- Director Moles reported on community sessions related to the SRO proposal. Two community sessions with the Director have been held in the Haw River Ballroom, with 10 or 15 persons attending the first afternoon session and 3 or 4 persons attending the second morning session. Director received positive feedback from attendees. Attendees were grateful that the school has been holding open discussions on the topic with the Hawbridge community.
- Board Member Sullivan concurred with the Director that attendees were grateful for the open discussions.
- Board requested clarification regarding the timeline for hiring an SRO, should the Board support that decision. Director clarified that the school has received an open invitation from the Alamance County Sheriff's Department, with no firm deadline for a decision.
- Board Chair Nicolet clarified that the Board is continuing to gather information on a potential full-time SRO option, including an evaluation of the costs-benefits. Director clarified that he will: (1) discuss the topic with Saxapahaw business owners during the next Rivermill Association meeting; and (2) attempt to identify a second charter or public school with an SRO in place (apart from Clover Garden Charter School) that may be more comparable to Hawbridge School, with the intent of reaching out to that school for information regarding their experience.
- Board requested that the Director provides: (1) additional information on the SRO applicant pool in Alamance County; and (2) a 'wish list' of other competing interests for the money that would be required to hire a full-time SRO.
- Board discussed the pros and cons. Board further noted that these discussions will remain open until a decision is made and contract



negotiations begin, after which time, the discussions will move to closed session. Board will aim to vote on this matter during the April regular meeting.

IX. New Business

A. Board Elections

1. Application(s) Update

- The deadline for applications is April 1, 2017. No applications have been received to date. Director Moles will circulate a new announcement regarding the upcoming elections. Board recommended that the Director includes a statement in the new announcement that the Board is currently overrepresented in parent members and underrepresented in community members; as such, the board is seeking community members from Saxapahaw and the broader geographical region from which the school draws students. Board and Director clarified that there are three open seats available, with two board members up for re-election (Fecho and Nicolet) and one board member no longer eligible for re-election during the current cycle (Morse).

X. Closed Session

A. To Consider Confidential Matters Pursuant to NC G.S. §143-318.11

1. Subsection (a) - (3), (5), (6), (8)

- Motion to move to closed session. Seconded. Unanimously supported. 6:41 pm.
- Motion to move to open session and adjourn. Seconded. Unanimously supported. 8:19 pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Karamarie Fecho, Board member and Secretary.