

Herron Classical Schools Board Meeting
May 17, 2022

Board members present were John Watson, Keith Steiner, Dave Sternberg, Adrian Miller, Mindy Cunningham, Daniel Roy, Mark Nottingham, Caryl West, David Steele, Mary Ann Sullivan, Mac McWhirter, Pat Crittenden, Michael Allen, Miguel Rodriguez, and Meggie Dials. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Juli Woodrum, Karen Laliuff, Lynn House, Bethany Lowery, Elizabeth Guynn, and Chasten Bear.

Mr. Roy called the meeting to order and a quorum of the Board was present.

Elizabeth Guynn, 1st grade teacher at Herron Prep provided an overview of her experience teaching during Herron Prep's first year. She reported that 27% of students were performing at grade level at the beginning which rose to 86% working at grade level in May. Chasten Bear shared his experience as a teacher at Herron-Riverside High School and reported that he has taught at several schools but never felt the type of camaraderie until he came to HRHS. Minutes of the prior Board meeting were approved.

John Watson provided the executive committee's report on the K-8 Update and said a purchase agreement has been signed with The Children's Museum on the former Salvation Army building. The first phase of construction will address the 27000 sq ft. that will serve grades K -4.

Financing will be obtained through HCS' bank. A zoning change has to be completed for use as a school. We will pursue additional funding through philanthropy efforts. The Sources and Uses document were previously distributed to the board. Engineering contracts for civil and mechanical were discussed and approved, as well as a tax exempt bond resolution.

Mrs. McNeal discussed committee assignments, proposed assignments were distributed to board members. Committees should plan to meet at regularly scheduled meetings during the months the full board does not meet. Board members completed a board self-evaluation.

Adrian Miller and Juli Woodrum provided the Treasurer's report/Fiduciary Committee Report. Ms. Woodrum circulated the financials/vouchers for review and signatures. Ms. Woodrum reported that the 990 had been filed. A discussion regarding federal funding occurred. The Fiscal Year 2023 Budget was presented, including enrollment and funding assumptions. The budget includes significant federal funding through ESSER. The Board discussed sustainability of activities funded by ESSER as ESSER funding will conclude in September 2024. Also included in the budget is funding provided through IPS' operating referendum. This funding is used in its entirety to provide more competitive salaries. The budget was approved.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Development Committee's report. A feasibility study is underway and will be completed by the start of the school year. Ms. Lowery reported on the success of Movie Night.

Mrs. McNeal provided the Education Committee report. McNeal reported on the current enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year. Enrollment for HHS and HPA remains strong, while HRHS is softer consistent with experience in prior years. Details were shared regarding Commencement ceremonies.

Due to time constraints, the scheduled Executive Session to discuss the network leader annual review was postponed until the August board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.