

Herron Classical Schools Board Meeting
December 13, 2022

Board members present were Dan Roy, Adrian Miller, Brenda Roper, Dave Sternberg, Mindy Cunningham via zoom, Mary Ann Sullivan, Meggie Dials, Adrian Miller, Michael Allen, Patrick Chittenden, David Steele, and John Watson via zoom. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Juli Woodrum, Karen Laliuff, Cody Whitesell, Bethany Lowery, Deb Cooney, and Trevor Hill.

A quarter of Herron Classical student musicians performed and breakfast was served.

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

Minutes of the prior Board meeting were approved.

Mrs. McNeal introduced Cody Whitesell, Herron Preparatory Academy's new Head of School. She noted that it was evident at the initial interview that he was the ideal candidate. Mr. Whitesell discussed his plans for HPA.

Dr. Cooney provided the Executive Committee's report on the progress of renovations at HPA's permanent location. She reported on the acquisition of the former Merchants Insurance building which will hold administration offices and a conference room. Future renovations will be made to provide a small number of classrooms. Staff will be moving into the office spaces in January. Mrs. McNeal reported that Dr. Cooney will be retiring at the end of the school year and that her replacement has already been hired and will work alongside Dr. Cooney for the remainder of the year. Mrs. McNeal stated that as an inaugural staff member, Herron Classical Schools would not be where it is today without the wisdom and leadership Dr. Cooney has provided through the years.

Mr. Roy asked the board to vote to ratify his authority to sign the necessary documents related to real estate related to the HPA permanent location and former Merchants Insurance building; the vote passed unanimously. Mr. Roy also reported that an effort was underway with school leadership to revise the All Hazards safety plans for each campus. A motion was made and passed to allow the board's executive committee to review and approve the plan when the revisions are completed.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Woodrum provided the Treasurers report. Mr. Miller reported satisfaction with the new auditors and noted that the cost of the audit was less than the previous company. The new firm is experienced with charter school funding and completed the audit in less time. All board members were invited to attend the January Fiduciary Committee meeting to review

the audit. A motion was made and approved to allow the Fiduciary Committee to approve the audit.

Mr. Sternberg provided the Development Committee report. He noted the success of this year's Classical Cocktails event. He reported on upcoming Development activities and invited all board members to join the committee. Mr. Sternberg said that board members have received an email regarding renewals of annual pledges. Ms. Lowery discussed the upcoming Movie Night at Tibbs Drive-in.

The Education committee reported on current enrollment numbers and activities related to fall 2023 enrollment outreach. Mrs. McNeal said enrollment was trending well compared to last year. She reported that there was a higher number of transfers at the high school level. HPA is enrolling grades K-5 and that enrollment may be nearly full by the close of round one of Enroll Indy. Mrs. McNeal reported on mandated spring testing and efforts to prepare students. She provided a summary of draft findings of the site visit team for Core Question 4 of the Mayor's Performance Framework. The team reported no "red flags" and had very positive comments to share at the debriefing. The final reports will be completed in early January.

Mrs. McNeal provided the President's report and summarized the current status of the potential for IPS to share money with HCS and others in a new referendum. Ms. Woodrum discussed the potential impact of the new referendum as it relates to the previous 2018 referendum.

Mr. Roy announced that there was a desire to move the Annual Retreat that typically takes place in February to April. There were no objections to the change in schedule.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.