

## **Board of Trustees Meeting- Thursday, March 21, 2024, 6:30 PM Minutes**

6:38 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, February 15, 2024
  - Robert Ansbro motions to approve minutes, all in favor
  
- LI. Education- Leena Thomas – Six Week Assessments results, Period 4
  - Most classes show progress in Mathematics. ELA stayed consistent and in some cases went down.
  - “ELA Mania” where we are working on more quizzing, independent reading and analysis is taking place and we believe this will help.
  - Eddie Kubina added that generally students who are in the 60% and over category tend to pass the state exam
  - Within grades K-2, we have 2 teachers who are not showing much improvement and we will need to continue to work with them closely.
  - Eddie had teachers record themselves teaching a lesson so they can better reflect and analyze what is happening in their classrooms. We have done this in the past with the elementary school and might try it again.
  
- II. New building project- Update on progress and expenditures to date- David Haller
  - We are working on getting approvals for fire alarm, sprinklers, etc. We need all of these in place to get our Certificate of Occupancy which we hope to have in April or May.
  - The contractor and architect are asking for more money due to delays
  - We are about a million dollars under the bond projection
  - Sonia, Lourell and the building superintendent have been working to get items turnkeyed to us.
  
- III. HS extension proposal & status of Pre-Kindergarten application process – Leena Thomas
  - The HS proposal is being revised to meet SUNYs requirements/address their comments and create a clearer program.
  - Prek- Requests for proposals have not been released in two years. We have the last application and will work on filling out whatever we can so we can be ready.
  - Jim suggested submitting the application for the HS ahead of time so we have time for feedback. SUNY is open to providing feedback and we hope to submit early.
  - It is difficult to compare ourselves to other charter high schools in areas other than performance since other information is not publicly available.
  - We will also condense and summarize the K-8 experiences and go more in-depth with our High School program

IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe

- Nothing new to report

B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro

- Nothing new to report

C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola

- We are working on student recruitment efforts and will enlist the help of parents
- Lucas mentioned having pictures of the new building on flyers

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

***Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 18, 2024 at 6:30 PM***