

Board of Trustees Meeting- Thursday, August 31, 2023 at 6:30 PM Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Lucas Doe, Robert Ansbro, Sean Blackwell, Ted Hurwitz (Ex-Officio)

Absent: Christopher Brignola

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Thomas

Guests in Attendance: David Haller (Owner's Rep)

6:41 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, July 6th , 2023
 - Robert Ansbro motions to accept, Lucas Doe seconds, all in favor

- II. 2023-24 Academic year goals
 - We are hoping to have all staff members well versed with the curriculum in all subject areas and to have everyone familiar with the Next Generation Standards
 - Our goal is to incorporate more hands on activities and projects for as many units as possible
 - We will be examining our June Instructional Reports from the 2023 NYSED standardize exams to determine areas of need and professional development.

- III. Building project status
 - Con Edison is still an issue. They might have power in the building at the end of September.
 - The Fire Department takes about 10 weeks to arrive and they cannot come in to inspect until we have power.
 - Construction is about 96% completed
 - Certificate of occupancy should be issued about two-three weeks after the Fire Department Inspection
 - We should have an 800k surplus within our bond amount
 - Sean inquired about warranties and operations related to building equipment. David mentioned that the people the school hires will be trained and most of the equipment has a warranty.
 - We will need to have staff members in place to full specific roles. A building manager/head custodian will be a key role.
 - Outsourcing the management of the building for the first year might be an option.
 - Sean mentioned someone with a superintendent/carpenter license might be a good fit.

- IV. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe

- Nothing new to report
- Our fiscal year performance for 2023 benefited from the Cares Act funding we received.
- For the new academic year, we will need to try to make up for the lack of this grant via additional students or less spending.

B. Real Estate Committee – Robert Ansbro

- We are working on completing the proposal for our possible HS expansion.

C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28th 2023 at 6:30 PM