

BOT Meeting, MONDAY, January 27th, 2020 at 6 PM- Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander (video conference) , Lucas Doe, Christopher Brignola, Robert Ansbro, Ted Hurwitz,

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Varghese

Guests: Mark Key (Prospective Board member)

Meeting called to order by Board Chair James Sander at 6:07 p.m.

- I. Approval of Minutes of the Board meetings for Thursday, November 21 and Thursday, December 5, 2019
 - Robert Ansbro motions to approve minutes from November 21, 2019, Christopher Brignola seconds, all in favor
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- II. Resolution approving the American Institute of Architect's contract between Peter Gisolfi & Associates and Academic Leadership Charter School.
 - We are still awaiting a final AIA contract. Norma and Leena have been in communication with Peter Gisolfi and Frank Craine and in conjunction with our lawyer Jack Martins, we are working on coming up with agreeable final fees and the timeline.
 - Bob Ansbro feels 8% is on the higher end
 - Soft costs were discussed and Jack Martins mentioned that some items were part of architectural fees. We will have another lawyer at his firm review the soft costs to see which items should be fees paid by the school and which are paid by the architect.
 - We will also ask our consultant Sean Blackwell to review the soft costs
 - We are not going to ask for another estimate until we have received feedback from the Department of Buildings on plans we will be submitting to them.
 - Schedule, soft costs, construction plans and schedule for it

- III. Discussion on the status of the building project schedule, the architectural plans and the status of the duct and its impact on the project.
- We have some “good news” related to the duct situation. The MTA wants 84,000 to remove the electrical lines associated with the ducts.
 - Jack Martins will be discussing the fees and how to reduce the costs
 - Robert Ansbro asked where the duct would be moved to. We need to ensure that power will be cut and ducts will be moved.
 - We will be looking to pay an approved contractor directly.
- IV. Performance data for Period 3 Mock ELA & Math assessments, Social Studies and Science and three populations we are tracking- English Language Learners, Special Education and new students who entered our school 2019-20
- Pending data, multiple choice scores show some growth across most classes
- V. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe, December
- We have more money this year than last year this time. This is due to additional students and additional per pupil funding.
- B. Real Estate Committee – Ted Hurwitz
- Jim Sander is still looking into the lot across
- C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola
- We have been utilizing the I-ready program with more students and classes this year. We are using it for both ELA and Mathematics.
 - We will be offering two regents exams to our 8th graders, Algebra 1 and Earth Science

VI. Interview with potential Board member Mark Keys

- Mark Keys visited our school after being invited by Ted and was amazed with the work that we are doing.
- Lucas asked about commitment and Mark feels he can commit to our board schedule
- Chris discussed whether fundraising which Mark discussed would be something he can contribute. Mark feel although he has not done any fundraising, he can help look into it and explore options.
- Norma mentioned that public relations and forming more community ties would be helpful.
- Mark is interested in the education field. He coached tennis in the past and enjoyed it.
- A motion to approve Mark Keys as a board member was made by Christopher Brignola, Luca Doe seconds, all in favor, passes unanimously.

Next meeting rescheduled to Monday 2/24/2020 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn 7:31 p.m.