

## **BOT MTG., Thursday December 16, 2021, Minutes**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Jim Sander, Lucas Doe, Ted Hurwitz,  
Christopher Brignola, Robert Ansbro, Sean Blackwell (Pending SUNY approval)

**Administrators in attendance:** Norma Hurwitz, Leena Thomas

6:37 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, November 18th, 2021
  - Jim Sander welcomed Sean Blackwell to our Board of Trustees. He is pending SUNY approval.
  - Robert Ansbro motions to approve the minutes, Lucas Doe seconds, all in favor.
  
- II. Building project status.- David Haller
  - David Haller discussed the job schedule and funds
  - Schedule: We should be able to set up a crane within the next two weeks now that we have city approval. Steel erection should begin by mid-January.
  - Design changes were added, mainly mechanical and related to cooling. There was also a foundation change (should be the last of it).
  - We are down to 1.35mil for contingency funds
  - Most inside elements are approved or almost approved
  - Jim Sander asked if the contingency funds will suffice. David believes they will.
  - Sean Blackwell asked for a budget and schedule overview
  - David can work on it but prefers not to ask for frequent schedule updates from the contractors.
  
- III. Committee Reports
  - A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe
    - Nothing new to report, due to having less staff than budgeted, we have a surplus in that area.
  
  - B. Real Estate Committee – Ted Hurwitz
    - Ted is trying to follow up with the MTA property across the street
    - Sean might know someone who can help us communicate with the MTA
  
  - B. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola/Leena Thomas

- Chris asked for updates on hiring remote tutors. We did place an ad for in-person tutors. Without enough staff to monitor a small group out of the classroom, the remote tutoring option may not work.
- Chris suggested having groups of students at a center with a remote tutor and have them remain in the classroom
- We are disaggregating data for special populations to ensure we monitor their progress.
- We have completed period 2 assessments except for a few classes that had to be quarantined.
- We have several positive Covid-19 cases for students and 2 staff members. Our Co-located schools also have several cases. We have 8 students and 2 teachers across our elementary and middle schools who have now tested positive. Seven classes are quarantined.
- We have decided to switch to remote instruction next week.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

**Next Board meeting is via Zoom scheduled for January 20th, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

Call to order by Board Chair,