

BOT MTG., Thursday, November 18th, Minutes

Board Members in Attendance: Jim Sander, Lucas Doe, Ted Hurwitz,

Christopher Brignola, Robert Ansbro

Absent: Mark Keye

Administrators in attendance: Norma Hurwitz, Leena Varghese

Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander at 2:50 p.m.

2:35 PM - Call to order by Board Chair, James Sander

- I. Approval of Minutes for Thursday, October 21st, 2021
 - Lucas motions to approve the minutes, Jim seconds, all in favor

- II. NYS ELA and MATH Standardized test results for 2020 along with student test participation levels- Leena Thomas
 - Our school performed well considered the circumstances of last school year
 - We had 85% participation which is very high. Many of our remote students came in to take the exam.
 - We also have period 1 data for the new school year. Given how behind students were, we are surprised at the number of students who met the 50% mark (which is what we usually look at for period 1).
 - Jim discussed the idea of plans to improve Mathematics performance. We have had conversations about it and we are working on moving towards a more concrete plan.
 - Christopher Brignola suggested looking into tutors for math to assist with differentiation.

- III. Building project status.- David Haller
 - 2 million dollars was part of the initial contingency. We then put in another 2 million.
 - The first 2million plus has been used. We are down to 1.5 million.
 - At this stage of the job, this seems to be adequate
 - What does the schedule look like? We are about a month out from getting steel down. The DOB permits took a little longer but have been approved. The overall project timeline is still on track.

- IV. Potential Board member interview- Sean Blackwell
 - The board interviewed Sean Blackwell several months back and feels he can contribute positively to our Board and school.

- Sean is interested in being on the Real Estate committee and in learning more about the educational process
 - Christopher Brignola motions to have Sean Blackwell join our Board of Trustees, Robert Ansbro seconds, all in favor.
- V. Mark Keye is no longer part of our Board of Trustees due to a family emergency.
- The Board and Administrators thank Mark for all of his contributions during the time he was on our Board
- VI. Term Renewal vote for a period of two years for Chris Brignola and Lucas Doe
- Christopher Brignola: Robert Ansbro motions to renew Chris Brignola's term for 2 years. Lucas Doe seconds, all in favor.
 - Lucas Doe: Robert Ansbro motions to renew Lucas Doe's term for 2 years. Jim Sander seconds, all in favor.
- VII. Committee Reports
- A. Finance Committee – Lucas Doe
- Nothing new to report
- B. Real Estate Committee – Ted Hurwitz
- Nothing new to report
- C. Education Committee – Christopher Brignola
- We will move to look for Mathematics tutors to help differentiate instruction and support students and teachers

Meeting Adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next Board via Zoom Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 16th, 2021 at 6:30 PM