

Herron Classical Schools Board Meeting
June 18, 2024

Board members present were Dan Roy, Adrian Miller, Pat Chittenden, Meggie Dials, Michael Allen, Keith Steiner, Mindy Cunningham, Brenda Roper, David Steele, Caryl West via zoom, Mary Ann Sullivan, Brian Brase, Dave Sternberg, and Mac McWhirter via zoom. Staff present were Janet McNeal, Michelle Krauter, Karen Lalioff, Katie Dorsey, Casey Osterkamp, and Bethany Lowery.

Roy called the board meeting to order and a quorum of the Board was present.

New board member Brian Brase was welcomed and he provided an introduced himself. He expressed particular interest in assisting with HCS athletics programs.

Minutes of the prior Board meeting were approved.

Roy provided the Executive Committee report. He asked board members to take a deep dive into OEI's accountability reports if they had not yet done so and discussed the OEI Board Assurance Form.

Miller provided the Treasurer's Report. He discussed the budget process and steps taken to overcome deficits due to a confluence of circumstances such as the end of ESSER funding, increased healthcare costs, and construction loans for HPA. Miller said it was helpful to have outside support with a contracted financial professional to assist the budget process during the staffing transition. Krauter provided a detailed report on the 2024-2025 budget and highlighted particular challenges in the coming months and measures being taken to overcome them. The fiduciary committee will be meeting monthly to review these measures. The budget was approved by unanimous vote.

Sternberg provided the development committee report and development targets. Lowery reported on campaign status and said a presser will be held when HPA's phase II is completed. She reported on annual fund giving and said mailers had gone out to 9500 households. She said they had switched to a new giving portal which she said made giving easier. Gifts had doubled and there were many new donors.

Dorsey provided the education committee's report on Summer Academy. There are 620 students enrolled, with 55 teachers and 4 administrators. She reported that college-age interns were working in the SA classrooms which will help cultivate a teacher pipeline. She said CSGF has offered HPA the opportunity to apply for the Project ABC grant.

McNeal provided the President's report. She provided a hiring update. She reported that there was very little teacher attrition and that the team has been pleased with the quality of applicants. Osterkamp provided a facilities update. She reported that construction at HPA is on track for a July 10 move-in and that the temporary modular classrooms would be this week. Classrooms were being prepared in the admin building and would be ready to serve students when the school year opens.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned. The scheduled executive session was postponed until the August meeting due to time constraints.