



BOARD MEETING

401 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

MINUTES

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

IN ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Robert Jefferson; Robert S. Natalini; Joseph Amprey; Anthony Montemurro (via telephone)

Executive Committee members present: Angel Figueroa (CEO); Barbara Wilkinson-Sykes (CFO) (via telephone)

Also present: Aurora Miller

Meeting was convened at 5:00 PM.

1. Opening Items

Dr. Natalini noted that a quorum was present.

Dr. Natalini noted that public notices were posted as required; Board is in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Public Comment

There were no visitors from the public.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.01 Minutes of June 21, 2016, open meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

3.02 Minutes of June 21, 2016, executive session -- MOTION by Mr. Jefferson to approve the minutes; seconded by Dr. Amprey; passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

3.03 Minutes of July 8, 2016, special meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

4. Board Membership

The Board next considered a proposal by Dr. Natalini to elect Anthony G. Montemurro to serve a term on the Board.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolution 4.01 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

4.01 To elect Anthony G. Montemurro to serve a term on the Board of Trustees.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

Dr. Natalini, Mr. Jefferson, and Dr. Amprey welcomed Mr. Montemurro to the Board. They and the members of the Executive Committee present expressed their gratitude for his willingness to serve. Mr. Montemurro participated in the Board's deliberation and action during the remainder of the meeting.

5. Report of the ILCS Executive Committee

Mr. Figueroa reported that it was the second day of the school year, which was off to a good start, and he shared various details. He reported that morale was high among the learning facilitators, other staff, and learners.

6. Financial

Ms Wilkinson-Sykes reported that, as the Board had authorized her to do, she had solicited bids from accounting firms to provide audit services pertaining to the school's financial statements for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 fiscal years. Two firms--Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP and Maillie LLP-- had submitted bids, which she presented and the Board considered. Ms. Wilkinson-Sykes recommended the Barbacane firm because the school has had good experience with it in the past, it has an abundance of experience auditing Pennsylvania school districts, and its fee was the lower of the two.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolution 6.01 as follows, seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

6.01 The Executive Committee shall engage the firm Barbacane, Thornton & Company, LLP to serve as independent auditors for the years ended June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, pursuant to the terms of said firm's proposal dated July 15, 2016, copy attached.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

At 5:32 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to consider the lease of real property.

The Executive Session ended at 5:43 p.m.

The open meeting resumed at 5:44 p.m.

7. Administrative/Operations/Legal

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolution 7.01 as follows, seconded by Mr. Montemurro:

7.01 That the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall execute the attached Lease Agreement on behalf of the school.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

The Executive Committee then presented to the Board the proposed Academic Calendar for the School Year 2016-2017. Ms. Wilkinson-Sykes highlighted that as in years past it entails more instructional time than the legally required minimum. Mr. Figueroa highlighted dates of several events for the Board's attention, such as commencement, which he requested that the Board members plan to attend.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Mr. Jefferson to adopt resolution 7.02 as follows, seconded by Dr. Amprey:

7.02 That the the attached Academic Calendar for the 2016-2017 School Year is approved.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

8. New Business

The Board decided to reschedule its October and November meetings from the currently scheduled dates to October 24, 5:00 p.m.; and November 28, 5:00 p.m., respectively, and asked Ms. Miller to arrange for publication of notice thereof pursuant to the Sunshine Act.

9. Adjournment

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Joseph Amprey, Secretary