

Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
June 3, 2008 – 6:30 p.m.
Seven Hills Classical Academy

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sue Pearce called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following board members were present: Julie Ball; Tracy Benson; Sara Eschle; Erin Hall; Mike Olmstead; Susan Pearce; John Rimstad; Steve Wendorf: Executive Director Margaret O'Brien, ExOfficio

The following board member was absent: Don Swetala

OTHER ATTENDEES: Chris Bewell, Nancy Daigle, Deanna Ekholm, Liz Ekholm, Ann Feist

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA: T. Benson moved and S. Eschle seconded to approve the meeting agenda with the following change – add Fundraising to the agenda after the action items. **Unanimously approved.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: Moved by S. Eschle and seconded by D. Swetala to approve the May 13, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT, Margaret O'Brien reporting for Leisa Irwin

March/April financials were presented last month along with the budget for next year. The May Board meeting was late enough in the month to include the April financials and there are not changes.

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of start time for 2008-09 school year. MOTION made by S. Eschle and seconded by M. Olmstead to determine the school start time. Discussion from the community.

- Suggest that it was short notice and discuss over the next year before making the change
- Another thought would be to select the ideal time of 8:00 a.m. with no busing
- Concerned about new bus company and proposal of 35 minute routes needing to be worked on first. Make sure this works smoothly before making a change in start time
- Rather abrupt to make this change so late in the school year. Many have decided on attending Seven Hills next year based on the current schedule
- Note – to give up busing, everyone in the Bloomington community would need to sign a waiver giving up busing.
- Concern about those surveyed who would not support the early start time leaving the school and how this would affect Seven Hills reputation

AMEND the motion to approve a start time of 9:00 a.m. for the 2008-09 school year. **Motion passed unanimously.**

It is recommended that this discussion continues in the fall for possibilities of a change in the following school year.

- B. Approval of Policies 403, 404, 408, 409, 412, 414, 422, 423, 425, 503, 507, 508, 510, 511, 513, 518, 519, 523, 525, 530, 601, 602, 603, 606, 608, 609, 612.1, 614, 615, 623, 701, 701.1, 702, 703, 706, 902, 903, 904, 905 and 906. MOTION made by S. Eschle and seconded by S. Wendorf to adopt the policies as presented with the exception of 425 and they shall take effect June 4, 2008..**
Discussion – 425 should be pulled because it conflicts with Q Comp. Suggestion that Q Comp team and Curriculum Team work on a new policy. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Approval of the 2008-2009 school budget. MOTION made by M. Olmstead and seconded by S. Eschle to approve the 2008-2009 school budget as presented at the May 13, 2008 board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. Approval of lease rider with Cedar Valley Church. MOTION made by S. Wendorf and seconded by M. Olmstead to approve the lease rider with Cedar Valley Church as presented. Discussion – the rooms available next year might change. CVC has not yet determined which rooms we will be available for Seven Hills. Request for the Facilities Committee to step up and assist with this process. S. Wendorf moved and seconded by J. Ball to TABLE THIS MOTION until next month. Passed unanimously.**
- E. Approval of amended Policy 307. MOTION made by S. Wendorf and seconded by M. Olmstead to adopt the amended Policy 307 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- F. Approval of Facilities Committee Charge. MOTION made by S. Wendorf and seconded by M. Olmstead to approve the Facilities Committee charge as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- G. Reorganization of the Board. MOTION made by M. Olmstead and seconded by S. Wendorf to approve the following slate of officers for the 2008-2009 school year:**
- Board Chair - Susan Pearce
 - Vice-Chair – Don Swetala
 - Treasurer – John Rimstad
 - Secretary – Erin Hall
- Motion passed unanimously.**
- H. Ratification of 2008-2009 staff. MOTION made by S. Eschle and seconded by S. Wendorf to ratify the updated list of staff names, positions and salaries for 2008-2009 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**
- I. Approval of 2008-2009 Board Meeting calendar. MOTION made by S. Wendorf and seconded by T. Benson to approve the 2008-2009 Board Meeting calendar as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

REPORTS

Fundraising, Liz Ekholm

Deanna Ekholm, Sara Eschle and Liz Ekholm are members of committee.

Discussion of Fundraising charge

Remove 503(c) responsibilities

Grant writing should be added – Suzi Splinter & Brent Peterson, Seven Hills staff, are doing grant writing – they should be included on this committee

Responsibilities for Public Relations should be another committee

Chair recommends that the committee adjust the charge – distinguish between staff and volunteer roles – committee should determine the types of events and/or fundraising directions they want to pursue. Bring this information back to the board.

Chair asked for Comments from Community Members at this time.

Ann Feist, parent, requests that the school board consider the possibility of year round school.

Recommendation – Survey the community about possibilities for the future to see what interests are out there. Discuss busing, start time, year round school etc.

Executive Director's Report, Margaret O'Brien

See report handout.

NWEA scores – outstanding – extremely pleased with huge student growth

Beacon Prep move June 30th. Will e-mail a request for assistance

Board Chair Report, Sue Pearce

Classes/Terms as follows:

- 1 year – Sue Pearce, Steve Wendorf, Mike Olmstead
- 2 year – Julie Ball, Sara Eschle, Tracy Benson
- 3 year – Don Swetala, Erin Hall, John Rimstad

July meeting – goal setting

Strategic plan – postpone until next month

July – finance training – contact Sue if you are interested

Facilities Committee, Don Swetala

No report.

Finance Committee

No report

Governance Committee

No report

Transition Committee

Looking for a few more 6th grade students

More advertisement – Informational meetings

Transportation Committee, Mike Olmstead

Meeting scheduled next week. Routes are being finalized

Chair requested the Board move into Executive Session

C Bewell, M O'Brien and other attendees left the meeting.

Meeting closed to the public at 9:10 p.m.

No motion to adjourn was requested. **Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.**

Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 1, 2008

Submitted by Chris Bewell, Administrative Assistant

Approved July 1, 2008