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## School board meeting minutes

Thursday, March 1, 2018

7:00 P.M.

### OPEN MEETING

1. Roll call and open by Tiffanie Owens, Susie Scherer (Ex-officio member), Erin Jeppson, Sherlyn Griffin, Heather Walker, Linda Tuttle. Heather Baker came at 9:20.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consent of Agenda
  - a. Sherlyn Griffin motioned to adopt agenda and approve the minutes from January 17 meeting. 2nd by Heather Walker. Passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: NA
5. Review Financials: Presentation By Linda Tuttle and Squire- Linda Tuttle mentioned that cash on hand balance is continuing to go up, no changes to budget to note. Squire accounting gave the opinion that the RA audit was deemed fair as of June 30, 2017. They explained that internal controls are good, and RA is in compliance with the state in all areas. The PTIF account is in compliance with the state money management act. RA money is safe in PTIF account. RA might consider moving funds from Bank AF as to not exceed the amount insured by the FDIC. The financial future of RA is bright. RA financial management presented no difficulties when providing information. There was some discussion of current legislation regarding WPU's and enrollment.
6. Interviews with Board Member Applicants- all applicants came and were interviewed.
  - a. 8:00 Reed Ryan
  - b. 8:15 Morgan Whiting
  - c. 8:30 Kristie Patten
  - d. 8:45 Paul Jerome
  - e. 9:00 Alena Miller
7. Board Items
  - a. School Land Trust: Reviewed SLT. Heather Walker mentioned that SLT should include parent involvement. She asked about the writing trainer, and the ability to see results year to year. Susie

Scherer is working with staff to ensure writing, math, language, and science standards are met. Heather Walker motioned to approve the School Land Trust for 2018, 2nd by Sherlyn Griffin, passed unanimously.

- b. Discussed student retention ideas and possible articulation agreement with Ascent Academy. Tiffanie Owens will speak with their principal. Heather Walker and Sherlyn Griffin suggested RA fundraiser for new playground equipment and/or more field trips. Tiffanie Owens suggested further discussion be held at the next board meeting with new board members. All in favor.

**Closed Session:** Sherlyn Griffin motioned to go into closed session, 2nd by Erin Jeppson. Roll call vote: Tiffanie Owens, Susie Scherer, Erin Jeppson, Heather Baker, Sherlyn Griffin, Heather Walker, all in favor.

8. Directors Report
  - a. Discussed competency of individuals and survey results.
9. Board Item:
  - a. Discussed board member applicants
  - b. Director Review as a board: Sherlyn Griffin motioned to move the director review and board member appointments to Tuesday, March 6 meeting. 2nd by Erin Jeppson, passed unanimously.

**Open Session:** Sherlyn Griffin motioned to go into open session, 2nd by Erin Jeppson, passed unanimously.

10. Board member appointments- no appointments were made, one more applicant to be interviewed on Tuesday, March 6.
11. Discussed having a “Welcome Meeting” for new board members and what RA can provide to them so that they can be successful contributing members. Importance of giving them a “job description” and possible UAPCS training was also discussed.
12. Discussed KEY ITEMS for next board meeting. One more board applicant to interview, director review, and board member appointments.
13. Heather Baker motioned to adjourn, 2nd by Sherlyn Griffin. Passed unanimously.