

**Vanguard Classical School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 10, 2020  
Call to order 6:30pm MT  
Virtual  
MINUTES**

**Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call:**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by the board chair, Director Tomwing.
- The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.
- Attendees included:
  - Board Members: Danielle Tomwing, Karen Secor, Hanosky Hernandez, Dan Jorgensen, Jack Robinson
  - Employees: John Cerny, Keria McCafferty, Emily van Luit, Nathan Bryant, Dennis Steele, Sarah Prado
  - Guests: Dawn Priday, Rick Boos, Barry, Harrington

**Agenda Approval (6:32pm)**

- An additional action item was added to the agenda regarding a night/day Porter.
- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Director Secor and seconded by Director Hanosky. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Consent Items (6:33pm)**

- The Nov. 19, 2020 minutes were presented for approval. A motion to approve the minutes was presented by Director Jorgensen and seconded by Director Hanosky. The motion was carried unanimously.
- Consideration of resolution approving plan of finance for bond transaction occurred. A motion was presented by Director Secor and seconded by Director Jorgensen. The resolution was carried unanimously.

**Presidents Report**

- President Tomwing recognized several highlights/achievements that occurred during the year. This included Vanguard successfully severing relationship with ACCO, the school successfully moved to remote learning in the presence of COVID, receiving a charter renewal recommendation of five years by Superintendent Munn. The schools is also financially in a much

better situation with a solid cash reserve and better transparency regarding records. Also, student enrollment remains strong and we are closing on the East building.

### **Executive Directors' Report (6:42pm)**

- Jay Cerny reported out on the status of the school. Decisions this year have been challenging with the pandemic, however, we have done our best with the knowledge we have available. We are hoping for a return from remote learning in reasonable time. We have had a lot of success by putting all our resources into the current teaching format. All remote learning has been easier as we have not had to pivot on the work.
- Emily (East principal) reported that we have had a focus on safety, teachers/staff are working very hard to create meaningful lessons for students. We are receiving great family feedback and feel supported. Parents report valuing of consistency that the school has brought and knowing what to expect. Teachers are also saying student have found groove with expectations, approach and materials being known.
- Keira (West principal): She agrees with Emily that the information we are getting is very positive. She is hearing how much better our program is compared to other schools and instruction is solid. Emily shared a voice mail, concerning success of 8<sup>th</sup> grade team. It echoes a lot of what is being heard. Parents are reaching out to say thank you not with concerns, very positive all around.
- Jay reported that a survey is going out next week to find out what is going well and what can we do better. He thanked his team for all their work on getting CRF grant funds spent on time (i.e. by December 4<sup>th</sup> deadline). Dennis reported that he believes purchases will be utilized by the school post-COVID with everything having a purpose. Staff is excited about virtual parties, with a painting party at West tomorrow and East on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, the December 1<sup>st</sup> board meeting with Aurora Public Schools went very well. On the 15<sup>th</sup> the APS board will vote to approve a 5 year renewal.

### **Finance Committee (6:55pm)**

- Dawn Priday presented the finance committee updates.
- Regarding the financial statements no real change has occurred since October. Everything looks good and with the addition of debt coverage ratio to benchmarks Vanguard would still be well within the green. Assets are strong and 1.6 million more than last year at the same time.
- The board had no questions concerning the check register or financial statements.

### **Action item:**

- Approval of a purchase order for remainder of school year night cleaning and day porter with a maximum cost of \$58,500, that will depend on number of days in session and building utilization.

- A motion was made by Director Secor and second by Director Hanosky. The motion approved unanimously.

**Concluded (7:06pm)**

- The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Director Hanosky and second by Director Secor.