

**Vanguard Classical School  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 23, 2021  
Call to order 6:31pm MT  
Virtual  
MINUTES**

**Call to order, Pledge of Allegiance, & Roll Call**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by the board chair, Danielle Tomwing.
- The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.
- Attendees Included:
  - Board Members: Danielle Tomwing, Dan Jorgensen, Karen Secor, Aaron Baer, Kat Ling
  - Employees: John Cerny, Keria McCafferty, Emily van Luit, Nathan Bryant, Sarah Prado, Dennis Steele
  - Guest: Dawn Friday

**Approval of Agenda (6:31pm)**

- The agenda was approved unanimously with the inclusion of an executive session to discuss a personnel matter. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Director Baer and seconded by Director Secor.

**Action consent Items (6:32pm)**

- The August 26, 2021 minutes were approved unanimously with the motion to approve made by Director Secor and seconded by Director Baer. Director Jorgensen recused himself from the vote due to his absence at the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Presidents Report (6:33pm)**

- Board President Tomwing wanted to acknowledge the challenges faced by school staff. She encouraged patience with our staff and administration as they're doing an amazing job to support our kids. Thanks to our community for their continued kindness and patience.
- Danielle also wanted to mention nationwide disrespect being directed at our school communities and encouraged parents to speak to kids about being respectful.
- She is excited by the return of many school events. She is pleased to see school community returning even stronger.
- She noted we still have two vacant board positions. Karen and Jay will meet with one prospective candidate. The candidate is known by Director Secor and is an attorney with some experience in education. President Tomwing mentioned we're still looking for one additional candidate.

### **Executive Directors' Report (6:37pm)**

Jay Cerny and staff provided several updates regarding Vanguard Classical School.

- It was mentioned that it is good to have students back in school. Enrollment has been steady since August. Our current enrollment is about twenty students lower than anticipated. The district overall is about 5% lower. All of the APS charter schools are struggling with enrollment.
- Dennis Steele discussed a current tik tok challenge for students to destroy school bathrooms. The school has had some issues resulting mostly in wasted staff time. Teachers are monitoring more and trying to educate students about effect on cleaning personnel.
- The school has experienced a big swing in funding for special services. Dawn has been working to keep district from charging an additional half million dollars. The district has argued they hadn't charged for this fully in prior years and now asking schools to take full load.
- Schools are pushing out a message to parents to be kind due to various negative interactions that have happened.

### **Finance Committee (6:53pm)**

Dawn provided a check register update. The check register was presented and there were no questions from board members.

The dashboard does show a second yellow indicator due to ESSER 3 funding that has been received. When revenues increased it impacted top benchmarks. In effect, salary and benefits went down relative to revenue with same facility costs, resulting in a surplus deficit. No bottom line impact beyond benchmarks.

A decision was made to wait on the approval of the annual audit due to the need for additional information. It will be submitted to the district on time but will require later approval from the Vanguard Board.

### **Executive Session (6:58pm)**

- Director Secor made a motion to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. The motion was seconded by Director Baer. Participants included board directors and Jay Cerny. The group moved out of executive session at 7:14.

### **Concluded (7:14pm)**

- A motion to adjourn the formal meeting was made by Director Secor and Seconded by Director Jorgensen. The action was approved unanimously.