Vanguard Classical School (VCS) Board of Directors' Meeting Work Session

Thursday, September 13, 2018

4:41 PM

East Campus – Media Room

MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Judy Ham, Jack Robinson, Chris Jensen and Lisa Sagaser

Staff: Angie Keedy, Wendy Delesha and Jennifer Peitzmeier

Guest: Bill Bethke -- Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:41 PM by Board Chair, Judith Ham. The pledge of allegiance and roll call took place.

AGENDA APPROVAL

A motion to approve the September 13, 2018, Agenda was made by Lisa Sagaser and seconded by Chris Jensen. Board members Chris Jensen, Jack Robinson and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

HONORS AND RECOGNITION - NA

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

Angle Keedy shared the espellment numbers. Angle met with Josh Hensley and discussed the trends in enrollment and now the history of charter schools had greater growth than traditional schools; however, the current trend is that all schools are experiencing a drop in enrollment. Terry Glen shared a marketing strategy that the West campus will try with Facebook that will launch and reach 46,000 people. Terry also shared that they will celebrate National School Choice Week as a strategy to recruit students. Discussion included that over the next 18 months, there will be 3 more charter schools opening in APS District. Because of the challenges with dropping enrollment, projections for 2019-2020 need to be very conservative.

Angie Keedy shared updates about the site visits and wants to get responses submitted earlier than later. Jack Robinson asked about eligibility data and the funding streams and if there is a break down.

ACTION ITEMS:

Service Contract – Judy Ham explained the relationship between ACCO and VCS (including shared services). The Board also discussed how the evaluation survey might be used to create a grievance policy and procedures to address concerns. Lisa Sagaser shared she would like to see more of a cost breakdown for each services provided so there can be a comparison with other providers. Bill Bethke spoke about the complexity of getting a cost break down, and he suggested we add Lisa's 2 additional items into the service contract. Jack Robinson suggested preparing 2 separate agreements – 1 to continue through 2018-2019 and a separate agreement with the 2 conditional additions. Bill Bethke stated that we are operating well below market value of the services provided in the contract. Lisa Sagaser moved to approve the service contract that included the FTE's 2018-2019 school year and a separate contract with the 2 additional items for the 2019-2020 school year. Board members Jack Robinson and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously. Judy Ham and Chris Jensen recused themselves.

Approve Eric Hall, Legal Counsel representing VCS Lease — Bill Bethke discussed Eric Hall's role as representative and recommended approving the contract to ensure all bond transactions are secure; this does not commit VCS to any financial obligations and ACCO is fully liable financially. Lisa Sagaser moved and Jack Robinson seconded. Board members Jack Robinson, Chris Jensen and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

WORK SESSION ITEMS:

Votes for the elected board position were counted, and the candidates will be informed of results by Friday, September 14.

The Board Chair takes but a potential Board Member to fill the vacancy left by Sonja Herrera and shared the member commitments. A brief update on the ED search status was given.

Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, September 27, 2018 - East Campus

ADJOURNMENT

All business being concluded, a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 6:07 PM was made by Jack Robinson and seconded by Chris Jensen. Board members Jack Robinson, Chris Jensen, and Lisa Sagaser voted "Aye", and the motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Jensen, Secretary