Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2014

Held at: The Birches Academy
419 South Broadway, Salem NH

Present: Christie Storniolo (Chair), Diane Wright (Acting Treasurer), Andy Ducharme , Dael Angelico-Hart, Christine Miele, John Mack, Sarah Morris, Ruth Templeton, Melissa Magnasson

Regrets: Caren Brown, Holly Ruocco

Public: Alyssa Ross, Alexa Stewart

7:08 – Call to Order

1. CM is secretary for this meeting
2. Approval of Meeting minutes – JM motions to approve minutes from 4/14/14, AD second. All in favor –JM, AD, CS, DAH, SM. CM – abstained.
3. Correspondence – Received two pieces of correspondence. One former candidate for a Board position rescinded application to become Board member. The 3-4 teacher, Ms. Charest thanked all Board for all work completed behind the scenes.
4. Interview of Board Candidates – AD introduced Alexa Stewart and Alyssa Ross as board candidates. Each candidate spoke briefly about their desire to become board members as well as their backgrounds. Board of Trustees asked questions to the candidates.
5. AD motions to go into non-public session RSA 3:2 (a), (b), (e). MM seconds.
6. JM motions to come out of non-public session. AD seconds.
7. AD motions to vote to bring Alyssa Ross on as a new board member, RT seconds. All in favor - JM, AD, DW, MM, CS, CM, RT. None opposed. AD motions to bring Alexa Stewart on as new board member, RT seconds. All in favor - JM, AD, DW, MM, CS, CM, RT. None opposed.
8. Upcoming events: Fine Arts night May 22nd. Concert on June 5th at Centerpoint Church. 8th grade Graduation on June 18th at Searles Castle in Windham. Field Day on June 13th
9. Lease for additional space is with attorney for review.

10. CS spoke about recent events regarding Bill Duncan's appointment to the Department of Education. CS asked how to discuss upcoming votes regarding charter schools in Concord and best ways to get school and parent involvement. Future discussion is needed on how to get our message of increased funding and support across to representatives in Concord.
11. Head of School update – see attached HOS update. Discussion on advantages and disadvantages of Blizzard Bags for next year. The Board has provided guidance that Blizzard Bags will not be implemented next year, but will be considered for future discussion. DAH indicated several interviews for art and science teachers will occur this week. AD discussed the Charter School Association and upcoming possible changes in the House and Senate.
12. Finance Committee Review – JM motions to approve cover sheet, AD seconds. All in favor – JM, AD, DW, MM, CS, CM, RT. None opposed. AR and AS abstained
13. Review of draft 2014-2015 budget by JW. CS requests additional line item for outside rental space of $1500. New surplus at the end of 2014-2015 is $97,983.00. MM motions to additional line item for outside rental space of $1500, RT seconds. All in favor – JM, AD, DW, MM, CS, CM, RT, AS, & AT. None opposed. Motion to approve 2014-2015 budget with additions made. AD motions, JM seconds. All in favor - JM, AD, DW, MM, CS, CM, RT, AS, & AT. None opposed.
14. Public comments – None
15. AD motions to adjourn. RT Seconds.
16. Meeting adjourn 9:13.