Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes OPEN

Date: May 15, 2018

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

Present: Christie Storniolo (acting Chair), Christine Miele, Dianne Wright, Bob Hawkes, Mike Gendreau, Alyssa Ross (via phone), Kara Christesen (via phone)

Admin: Jessica Wachsman, Admin: Ruth Templeton, Teacher Rep: Erin McArdle

Public: Chris Smith (candidate), Michelle Cole, Wayne Cole, Karla Biel, David Comtois, Grace Storniolo, Donna Wells, Emily Haswell, Bethany St. Aubin, Aimye Haroutunian, Debbie LeBlanc, Kayla Livingston, Kevin Fanning, Kathleen Cox, Brian Baker

CS called meeting to order at 5:04pm

1. Introduction of Board Members
2. DW provided overview of process and to introduce candidate
    a. Process began in February; through May, committee reviewed 60 applicants
    b. 15 candidates identified for initial interviews, two withdrew candidacy
        i. conducted 13 interviews, five candidates for second round interviews
        ii. three candidates came in for tours and to meet staff as finalists
    c. Very pleased to bring forth Chris Smith, a unanimous selection by the interview committee for a final candidate
3. Candidate overview
    a. Candidate provided general overview of background in field of education
    b. Candidate expressed excitement about what is happening at Birches, excitement in learning new things, discussed how he is pursuing degree in Educational Technology
4. CS lead facilitation of questions for candidate as compiled by the Board

5. DW motions to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A. BH seconds.
6. Board returns to pubic session from nonpublic session.
7. DW motions to vote for Chris Smith as Dean of School at The Birches Academy contingent upon criminal background. BH seconds. All in favor.
8. CM motions to move into non-public session per RSA 91-A. BH seconds.
9. Board returns to public session.

CM approves to adjourn/MG seconds. All agree.

7:50 pm meeting adjourned