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Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Time of Meeting: 5:30pm

Location: 820 Academy Road, Holly, Michigan

Meeting Type: Annual Special Proposed Approved

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Diane Kullis at 5:34pm.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Mrs. Diane Kullis, Vice President

Mr. Stephen Jenkins, Treasurer

Mr. Dylan Adams, Secretary / FOIA (arrived at 5:36pm)

Mrs. Amy Hillman, Director

Mr. Matt Gerard, Director

Members Absent:

Mr. Dave Cruickshank, President

Mrs. Doreen DeBenedictus, Director

Administrative Staff Present:

Ms. Julie Kildee, Director

Ms. Jennifer Burns, Special Education Director

Mr. Jose Melero, Facilities Director

Central Michigan University Representative Present:

Mrs. Shada Biabani

Approval of Agenda

Stephen Jenkins moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Matt Gerard. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Jennifer Watkins from Yeo & Yeo presented the audit. Stephen Jenkins moved to accept the audit. Seconded by Dylan Adams. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Consent Agenda Items

1. Enrollment Information
2. June, July, August Financials
3. Proposal for Overnight/Extended Student Trip – Washington D.C.

Amy Hillman moved to accept/approve consent agenda items. Seconded by Dylan Adams. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Pasquale Battaglia made a public comment.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Amy Hillman moved to approve minutes from Special Board Meeting August 11, 2021. Seconded by Stephen Jenkins. **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

Correspondence

Holly Academy received a FOIA requesting the financial schedule of the check register for 2019-2020 school year. Adam Holcomb has already taken care of the request.

Dylan Adams moved to approve bond refinancing underwriter Piper Sandler. Seconded by Matt Gerard. **Amy Hillman – yes, Matt Gerard – yes, Stephen Jenkins – yes, Dylan Adams - yes, Diane Kullis – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Stephen Jenkins moved to approve legal counsel engagement proposal with Shifman & Carlson PC. Seconded by Diane Kullis. **Amy Hillman – yes, Matt Gerard – yes, Stephen Jenkins – yes, Dylan Adams - yes, Diane Kullis – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dylan Adams moved to approve resolution to approve refunding bonds in 2021 through the Michigan Finance Authority not to exceed \$7,000,000. Seconded by Stephen Jenkins. **Amy Hillman – yes, Matt Gerard – yes, Stephen Jenkins – yes, Dylan Adams - yes, Diane Kullis – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports

Director – Julie Kildee stated she had nothing further than what was included in the board packet.

MAST Financial – In addition to his board report Adam Holcomb informed the Board the per pupil foundation allowance went up 11%. The finance committee met and discussed raises for the staff. The revised budget will reflect these changes.

Facilities Director – Jose Melero informed the Board the mill building was broken into again. The electrician has been on site changing the lot lights to LED lights. This should reflect a significant savings. Jose shared there are 48 students participating in soccer and volleyball and it's going well and the students are having fun.

Finance/Building Committee – None

Governance Committee – None

Marketing Committee – Amy Hillman asked for further guidance. Laura Barber, a third grade parent, offered her services. She has a marketing degree.

Central Michigan University – Shada Biabani shared information about upcoming events hosted by CMU. Shada stated any complaints that are received in the CMU office are funneled back to the board. CMU gives the individual the date of the next board meeting. Every school will participate in a site and facilities review this year and the school should receive information by the end of September. Shada supplied a poster and handouts regarding CMU's Charter School Educator Award. Stephen Jenkins and Matt Gerard are scheduled for reappointment in May. The materials are due by January 21, 2022.

Extended Public Comment

Diane Kullis read a public comment from Stephen Ghostley.

Laura Barber made a public comment.

Matt Vincil made a public comment.

Pasquale Battaglia made a public comment.

Board Comments

Matt Gerard asked about having an honest discussion about risk and if any funding is received from the county.

Diane Kullis gave an explanation of funding.

Julie Kildee stated she would not participate in a discussion about risk until research was done with an epidemiologist.

Diane Kullis added there are too many opinions and it makes it very tough on schools.

Meeting Adjournment

Stephen Jenkins moved to adjourn at 6:54pm. Seconded by Dylan Adams. **Motion passed unanimously.**

I respectfully submit these Board minutes as an accurate account of the business conducted by the Holly Academy Board of Directors during the September 22, 2021, Board Meeting.

Submitted by: 
Jenn Melton
Recording Secretary

Date: 9/29/2021

I respectfully submit these Board minutes as an accurate account of the business conducted by the Holly Academy Board of Directors during the September 22, 2021, Board Meeting.

Submitted by: 
Dylan Adams
Secretary

Date: 10/20/21