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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

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 Dave Cruickshank at 6:00pm.

**Roll Call**

**Members Present:**

Mr. Dave Cruickshank, President

Mrs. Diane Kullis, Vice President

Mr. Stephen Jenkins, Treasurer

Mr. Dylan Adams, Secretary / FOIA

Mrs. Amy Hillman, Director (arrived at 6:10pm)

**Members Absent:**

Mr. Matt Gerard, Director (participated via zoom – did not vote)

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Ms. Julie Kildee, Director

Mrs. Shaun Kovatch, Curriculum Director

Mr. Adam Holcomb, MAST Financial (via zoom)

**Approval of Agenda**

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

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Dylan Adams moved to approve minutes as written from Regular Board Meeting March 23, 2022. Seconded by Diane Kullis. **Motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business**

The Board has read the feedback provided by stakeholders and noticed some discrepancies about candidates. John Silveri suggested doing Zoom meeting to further speak with candidates to get additional information. Since the Board didn't attend the site visits, the Board wasn't privy to what the stakeholders experience. John discussed the possibility of selecting two candidates tonight and forming a subcommittee that will attend interviews with candidates. The meetings will be recorded and shared with the other Board members. Dave Cruickshank, Stephen Jenkins, and Amy Hillman will compose the subcommittee to do the Zoom interviews with candidates. The committee will solicit questions from the other Board members.

Amy Hillman moved to choose two candidates tonight and give the subcommittee the okay to Zoom interview. Seconded by Dylan Adams. **Dave Cruickshank – yes, Diane Kullis – yes, Stephen Jenkins – yes, Dylan Adams – yes, Amy Hillman – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Candidates to bring forward:

Stephen Jenkins - Jason Gillespie and Salwa Kinsey  
Dave Cruickshank - Jason Gillespie and Salwa Kinsey  
Diane Kullis - Jason Gillespie and Salwa Kinsey  
Dylan Adams - Jason Gillespie and Salwa Kinsey  
Amy Hillman - Jason Gillespie and Salwa Kinsey

John Silveri will contact the candidates. The Board will send one question to the subcommittee. Specific questions for the individual candidates. Wednesday or Thursday evenings will work for the subcommittee Zoom calls.

Diane Kullis moved to move Jason Gillespie and Salwa Kinsey forward for third round interviews. Seconded by Dylan Adams. **Dave Cruickshank – yes, Diane Kullis – yes, Stephen Jenkins – yes, Dylan Adams – yes, Amy Hillman – yes. Motion passed unanimously.**

#### Extended Public Comment

The following individuals made a public comment.

Amber Rowen  
Jen Melero  
Elizabeth Von Allmen  
Leigh Fitzpatrick  
Kim Krug  
Kim Harter  
Rachel Ketchum  
Roy McKee  
Collette Shouse  
Carl Jones

#### Board Comments

Amy Hillman thanked the audience for being involved in the process.

Dylan Adams also thanked the audience for feedback. We need to define a “strategic plan” encompassing a vision.

Diane Kullis stated candidates asked about our goals. We need to define HA’s goals. Thank you and she read every word on feedback forms.

Dave Cruickshank liked that the Board was “put on the spot” by the candidates. His tenure has been turbulent. Teachers and families will leave no matter who is chosen. The Board wants the teachers to have “a partner”.

Stephen Jenkins stated this has been a good meeting. This is the weirdest process the Board has been in. Healthy debate at the end, leave the room together as a team. You can destroy the choice if you second guess.

#### Meeting Adjournment

Diane Kullis moved to adjourn at 7:34pm. Seconded by Amy Hillman. **Motion passed unanimously.**

I respectfully submit these proposed Board minutes as an accurate account of the business conducted by the Holly Academy Board of Directors during the April 12, 2022, Special Board Meeting.

Submitted by:   
Julie Kildee  
Recording Secretary

Date: 4.14.22

I respectfully submit these approved Board minutes as an accurate account of the business conducted by the Holly Academy Board of Directors during the April 12, 2022, Special Board Meeting.

Submitted by:   
Dylan Adams  
Secretary

Date: 4.20.22