



Explorations Charter School

Minutes

Governing Board Regular Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Directors Present

Bill Hallam (remote), Ginni Block (remote), Hilary Paden (remote), Lori Noto (remote), Melony Brady-Shanley (remote), Robert Peterson (remote), Sarah Annis Haynes (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Jill Johnson (remote), Joe White (remote), Susan O'Rourke (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Robert Peterson called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Tuesday Mar 21, 2023 at 5:30 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

Ginni Block made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 02-21-23.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Financial

A. Auditor's Presentation of 2021-2022 Audit

Christopher King presented. No instance of noncompliance. No findings.

B. Monthly Report

Susan O'Rourke presented .

III. Public Comment

A. Communication Received

A letter from Ms. McGinty was received with concerns of her property that are next to the property of Explorations.

Jill to respond, acknowledging letter and we will look into this further.

IV. Committee Updates

A. Finance Committee

Finance Committee met. Still waiting on paperwork from the bank.

Gina to set up meeting with Board on Track in regards to ideas for other additional funding.

B. Education Committee

No update

C. Policy Committee

Next month there will be policies to review and approve.

V. School News

A. Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism Update

Chronic absenteeism rate for February is 46.2%. Year to date is 51.7%.

Discussion held.

In future, Board members to meet with Administration and with concerned students.

B. State Visit update

State Visit was on Thursday, March 16. Visit went well. State came and met with Jordan and Sarah regarding math curriculum.

VI. Other Business

A. Personnel Policies/Handbook update

Personnel Committee to be created. Hilary, Jill and Sarah will be on the committee. Will look at updating the Employee Handbook.

B. Upcoming Events

March 28th at Little Red Barn will be a fundraiser for the Pilord Scholarship. The Scholarship benefits Exploration Students.

March 30th at the Elks Club will be the Pasta Dinner to benefit the Senior Class.

C. Discussion of Partnership with WHC

Explorations is in discussion with the Winsted Health Center about partnering to create a physical circuit behind the school. Grant money would be used to develop the space. It would be used by the students as well as Veterans. More information to follow.

VII. Executive Session

A. Enter Executive Session

No Executive Session held

B. Leaving Executive Session and Return to Board Meeting

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Peterson

Documents used during the meeting

- Explorations Audit Report - June 2022.pdf
- February Financial Report.pdf
- McGinty Letter.pdf
- WHC Proposed Agreement.pdf