



Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Working Session

Date and Time

Thursday May 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location

Web Conference Link - <https://meet.google.com/fpq-sjvr-xjr>

OUR MISSION: Menlo Park Academy is a public school that develops the potential of gifted learners through an exemplary program of rewarding experiences that nurtures the whole child.

Directors Present

Dante Giancola (remote), Fraser Hamilton Sr (remote), Richard Hronek (remote), Susan Dornan (remote), Suzanne McFarland (remote), Teri Harrison (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Richard Hronek, Suzanne McFarland

Guests Present

Ashley O'Malley, Dave Massa (remote), Jeff Jaroscak (remote), Jon Smith, Kateland Kacic, Melissa McCarthy (remote), Tara Schmitt (remote), Tiffany Randle (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Teri Harrison called a meeting of the board of directors of Menlo Park Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday May 7, 2020 at 6:02 PM.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Strategic Planning Session 4/4/2020

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Strategic Planning Session on 04-04-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/16/2020 Regular Board Meeting

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-16-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Health Insurance

A. Renewal Option

Dave Massa and Jon Smith spoke on health insurance options.

Suzanne McFarland arrived.

Richard Hronek arrived.

IV. Action Items

A. SY20-21 School Calendar

Richard Hronek made a motion to approve the 20-21 school calendar as presented with the addition of 3 days to the beginning of the school year for professional development, and removing administrative holiday from March.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Loan Resolution

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to authorize the board secretary Susan Dornan to sign the loan resolution as presented.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

Through the Cares Act we have applied for a forgivable loan that will be spent on payroll and rent expenses. At the end of the term the loan can be forgiven and becomes a grant.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Discussion Items

A. FY21 Budget Draft

The 20/21 school year budget was discussed.

B. Website Update

Tara Schmitt spoke on the updated website.

VI. COVID-19 Task Force

A. Task Force Charter

Richard Hronek made a motion to table the vote on the Covid-19 Task Force Committee Charter.

Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Membership

Teri Harrison made a motion to elect Susan Dornan as the chair of the Covid-19 Task Force Committee.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to elect Suzanne McFarland and Rich Hronek as members of the Covid-19 Task Force Committee.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Building & Operations Update

Fraser Hamilton spoke on the basement building project.

D. Next Steps

VII. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Teri Harrison made a motion to discuss pending litigation.

Fraser Hamilton Sr seconded the motion.

Entered into Executive session at 8:15pm. Invited in Jeff Jaroscak, Dave Massa and Tiffany Randle

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Richard Hronek Aye
Dante Giancola Aye
Suzanne McFarland Aye
Fraser Hamilton Sr Aye
Susan Dornan Aye
Teri Harrison Aye

Executive Session ended at 8:20pm.

Teri Harrison made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the performance of a public official.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

Entered into executive session at 8:20pm.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Fraser Hamilton Sr Aye
Susan Dornan Aye
Suzanne McFarland Aye
Teri Harrison Aye
Richard Hronek Aye
Dante Giancola Aye

Executive session ended at 8:43 pm.

VIII. Consulting Agreement

A. Consulting agreement with ACCEL Schools

Richard Hronek made a motion to delegate the execution of a contract with Accel Schools to Executive Committee not to exceed \$31,000.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. 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 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Dornan