



Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

Minutes

Working Session

Date and Time Wednesday July 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location Virtual Meeting meet.google.com/huv-izdd-bgt

OUR MISSION: Menlo Park Academy is a public school that nurtures gifted children through an exemplary program and rewarding experiences which develop the whole child.

Directors Present

Dante Giancola (remote), Fraser Hamilton Sr (remote), Susan Dornan (remote), Suzanne McFarland (remote), Teri Harrison (remote), Tiffany Randle (remote)

Directors Absent Melissa Picone, Richard Hronek

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Dante Giancola

Guests Present

Barbee Thomas (remote), David Berenson (remote), Jeff Jaroscak (remote), Melissa McCarthy (remote), Sarah O'Bryan (remote), Seamus O'Hara (remote), Sylvia Rimm

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 Wednesday Jul 1, 2020 at 6:05 PM.

II. Action Items

A. New Hires

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to hire Christine Werling as a teacher for an annual salary up to \$39,000 pending background check.Dante Giancola seconded the motion.The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.Dante Giancola arrived.

B. Social-Emotional Services Proposal

Susan Dornan made a motion to table the vote until a later date. Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Student Services Agreement

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the vote until the next meeting. Susan Dornan seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Board on Track Renewal

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to authorize the renewal of the Board on Track agreement as presented. Susan Dornan seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Technology needs

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the vote. Susan Dornan seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. 2020-21 Objectives & Goals

A. MPA 2024 - Objectives

Teri Harrison spoke on the long term objectives.

B. 2020-21 Goal Framework

Teri Harrison spoke on the 20-21 goal framework.

IV. Staff Updates

A. Onboarding

Seamus O'Hara's official first day will be 7/6/20.

V. COVID-19 Task Force Update

A. Sub team Updates

Susan Dornan spoke on possible covid guidelines for fall in regards to social distancing in the school.

Suzanne McFarland spoke on possible covid guidelines for fall in regards to the programming.

B. COVID Needs

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$4500 for plexiglass dividers in the student restrooms for the sinks and teacher work spaces. Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

C. Barrier modification, front desk area

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the vote. Susan Dornan seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Executive Session

A. Executive Session

Teri Harrison made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee. Susan Dornan seconded the motion. Invited in Seamus O'Hara, Sarah O'Bryan, Jeff Jaroscak, Barbee Thomas Entered into session at 8:21 pm Exited Session at 8:27 pm The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Suzanne McFarland Aye Teri Harrison Aye

Roll CallMelissa PiconeAbsentTiffany RandleAyeFraser Hamilton SrAyeDante GiancolaAyeSusan DornanAyeRichard HronekAbsent

VII. 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 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Susan Dornan

VIII. Employment Status

A. Employment Status Change

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to terminate employment of Ms. Janie Zell effective 6/26/2020 at 12:00 pm.

Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.

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