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## The Exploris School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting 7/28

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##### Date and Time

Tuesday July 28, 2020 at 4:30 PM

##### Location

Zoom

Virtual Meeting

Zoom link:

Deborah Brown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: The Exploris School Board Meeting July 28th 4:30 pm

Time: Jul 28, 2020 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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### **Directors Present**

A. Rodriguez, D. Kain, G. Burnette, J. Hwang, J. Korreck, K. Hogan, K. Johnson, S. Darroch, T. Kingsberry, T. Miller

### **Directors Absent**

D. Deaton, K. Byars-Nichols

### **Guests Present**

A. Northrup, Angelean Hendrix, C. Greer-Banks, Callie Kirsch, D. Brown, Devon Rose, Emily Felker, K. Morgan, Leah Perry, Loren Kent, M. Gargan, M. Parkerson, Martha Merrill, Rachel Hearn, T. Simmons

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

T. Kingsberry called a meeting of the board of directors of The Exploris School to order on Tuesday Jul 28, 2020 at 4:33 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance and Guests**

### **C. Approve Minutes from last board meeting**

A. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 06-16-20.

S. Darroch seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Public Comment**

Callie Kirsch provided a comment on school initiatives and reopening.

## **II. Board Business**

### **A. New Members Intro & Welcome**

Theo introduced new Board member Darrell Kain.

### **III. Interim Leadership Team Report**

#### **A. Personnel/ Operations / Academics**

##### **Personnel**

- Board approval is requested to accept the hiring of kindergarten teacher Jen Christian
- Board approval is requested to accept the hiring of Jacquetta Zimmerman
- Board approval is requested to transition Lisa Ferrando from 100% employment to 80% employment
- Board approval is requested to add a 50% counselor position
- J. Hwang made motion to accept personnel changes as presented
- S. Darroch seconded the motion
- The Board VOTED to approve the motion

##### **Operations**

- Amanda and Deb provided an update on Interim Leadership Team operational activities. Highlights included an increase in per-pupil funding, ACCESS grant updates, an update on the progress of the new website, and an overview of Kindergarten readiness and JumpStart camps
- Deb provided an update on the activities of the Reopening Task Force. The recommendation of the Task Force was to open under Plan C+ for at least the first trimester
- A recommendation was provided to move janitorial services to Citywide Cleaning at a cost of \$3,892.84 per month after interviewing several professional cleaning companies. Citywide is able to support enhanced cleaning procedures in light of COVID-19
- A MOTION was made by J. Hwang to conditionally approve the agreement so long as Citywide agreed that payment would not be obligated in situations of Force Majeure
- This motion was seconded by S. Darroch
- The Board VOTED to approve the motion

#### **B. Finance**

- Koren Morgan provided an update on the annual audit process
- Board approval was requested to carry over \$160,612 in retention tax credit funds into 20-21 for the purpose of COVID-related expenses
- Board approval was also requested to carry over \$30,000 to support the work of the Climate and Culture Task Force
- T. Kingsberry recommended that the Board hold on these approval requests pending a report from the Culture and Climate Task Force

- Koren also provided an update on the school's state allotment and enrollment numbers - these point to higher than expected revenues versus budget
- After reviewing the Culture and Climate Task Force report, S. Darroch made the motion to accept the recommendation to carry over \$160,612 and \$30,000 for the purposes as described above
- G. Burnette seconded the motion
- The Board VOTED to approve the motion

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Culture & Climate Task Force**

- J. Korreck articulated the three primary goals of the Task Force: i) create and facilitate listening circles, ii) define Exploris core values in action, and iii) define the collaborative leadership model
- Cori Greer-Banks and Anna Riedel introduced the team and provided additional details on each goal

##### **B. Governance Summer Work and New Board Member Vote**

- T. Miller made the motion to approve Darrell Kain as a new Board member
- S. Darroch seconded the motion
- The Board VOTED to approve Darrell Kain as a new member
- Deb provided an update on suggested Handbook revisions
- S. Darroch moved to accept all revisions
- J. Hwang seconded the motion
- The Board VOTED to approve the motion

##### **C. Facilities**

T. Kingsberry provided an update on the property search process

##### **D. Development**

- G. Burnette provided an update on clarifications requested by the Foundation Board of the School Board.
- A. Rodriguez made a motion to approve Tom Simmons as the Board's representative to the Foundation.
- K. Johnson seconded the motion.
- The Board VOTED to approve the motion.

##### **E. Education Excellence**

K. Johnson provided an overview of the committee's goals: i) provide an impact report and ii) develop a communication plan

##### **F.**

## **Finance Committee**

- A. Rodriguez provided an overview of the Finance Committee's transition activities
- T. Kingsberry suggested that the Interim Leadership Team had incurred a significant amount of additional responsibility as a result of the prior Executive Director's departure and that the Board should evaluate additional compensation for the Interim Team
- J. Hwang made a motion to charge the Finance Committee to provide a recommendation relative to potential additional compensation for the Interim Leadership Team
- K. Hogan seconded this motion
- The Board VOTED to approve this motion

## **V. 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 6:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
T. Kingsberry

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

*None*