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Navigator Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday December 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Location

Gilroy Prep School

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1. Hayward Collegiate Charter School, 166 West Harder Road, Hayward, CA 94544
2. Hollister Prep School, 881 Line Street, Hollister CA 95020
3. Watsonville Prep School, 407 Main Street, Watsonville, CA 95076
4. Gilroy Prep School, 277 I.O.O.F. Ave, Gilroy, CA 95020
5. 1065 Byers Street, Gilroy, CA 95020 (Santa Clara County)
6. 1365 Locust Street, Denver, CO 80220
7. 1 Washington Square, San Jose, CA 95112

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Directors Present

Alfred Morikang, Chuck Daggs, Ian Connell (remote), JP Anderson, Jaime Quiroga, John Flaherty

Directors Absent

Claire Grissom, Shara Hegde

Guests Present

Ami Ortiz, Caprice Young, James Dent (remote), Laura Marco (remote), Neena Goswamy (remote), Norma Knox (remote), Noël Russell-Unterburger, Tom Peraic

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

John Flaherty called a meeting of the board of directors of Navigator Schools to order on Tuesday Dec 12, 2023 at 6:03 PM.

C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

D. Opening Remarks of the Board Chair

The Board Chair thanked Board Members Jaime Quiroga and Chuck Daggs for their efforts to attend in person. He asked the Board members to continue to read all of the Board materials and to continue to ask informed questions. He thanked Sean Martin for his dedicated service to Navigator and he wished Sean all the best in the future.

E. Opening Remarks of the CEO & Superintendent

The CEO & Superintendent discussed the leadership team retreat in November. She offered that enrollment is strong, the schools are at capacity, and there are waiting lists. She noted that each school has an FRE of 50% or higher. She noted that GPS and HPS have had dramatic drops in chronic absenteeism, that HC has an artist in residence funded by Prop 28, and that Norma Knox is new HPS principal.

F. Approve Minutes from Previous Regular Board Meeting

Jaime Quiroga made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 10-24-23. Chuck Daggs seconded the motion.

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the Consent Agenda

Ian Connell made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. JP Anderson seconded the motion.

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

III. Request for Approval

A. Approve Hayward Collegiate Material Revision Application

Jaime Quiroga made a motion to approve/ratify the HC material revision application.

Ian Connell seconded the motion.

Neena Goswamy led the discussion and asked the Board for approval/ratification of the HC material revision application. Neena informed the Board that the application seeks to add 2 cohorts to each grade, to expand to TK-8, and to add an additional site. 225 signatures were gathered in support. Board Member Jaime Quiroga was supportive and said it was just what HC needed. Board Member Chuck Daggs reminded the Board to not underestimate the power of parents.

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

B. Mobile Modular Contracts for Hayward Collegiate and Gilroy Prep School

JP Anderson made a motion to approve the revisions to Mobile Modular contracts for HC and GPS.

Jaime Quiroga seconded the motion.

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

IV. Topical

A. Election of Board Officer

Chuck Daggs made a motion to elect Tom Peraic as Secretary.

JP Anderson seconded the motion.

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

V. Finance

A. Receipt of 2022-23 Annual Audit

Noël Russell-Unterburger led the discussion. She shared that more time was needed to prepare the audit and that Board would be updated at its next Board meeting. The Board noted that best practices include working with different auditors over time.

VI. Committees

A. Report on Committees: Governance, Finance, Academics, Development

Ian Connell made a motion to approve committee appointments.

Chuck Daggs seconded the motion.

The Board confirmed the following appointments for 2023-24:

- 1) Academic Committee: Board Members Claire Grissom (chair), Chuck Daggs, and Alfred Morikang - James Dent, staff lead;
- 2) Finance Committee: Board Members Ian Connell (chair), JP Anderson, and Jaime Quiroga - Noël Russell-Unterburger, staff lead;
- 3) Governance Committee: John Flaherty (chair), Ian Connell, and Shara Hegde - Caprice Young and Neena Goswamy, staff leads; and,
- 4) Development Committee: Chuck Daggs (chair), John Flaherty, and Jaime Quiroga - Kirsten Carr and Neena Goswamy, staff leads.

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

B. Report out from Finance Committee

Noël Russell-Unterburger led the discussion. She informed the Board of the current projections and that 2023-24 will finish with \$177k net income after approval of the DEIA contract. She informed the Board that a \$2.9M ERC credit is pending but has a 12-month lead time. Noël said that WPS can apply for a full tax exemption. She noted that there are some additional expenditures, such as additional staff. The Board Chair asked if the IRS can expedite and Noël indicated she would inquire. Board Member Jaime Quiroga noted that there is 2.65 months of cash and would like to see it at 4-5 months. Noël asked the Board to consider an Investment Committee and Board Member Chuck Daggs indicated that he was more than glad to help.

C. Report Out on Academic Success Committee

James Dent led the discussion. Data shows student gains across all schools with WPS leading the way with 15% gains. He discussed curriculum adoption and illustrated math. James noted tremendous success on ELA and that Navigator can still do better by using research proven curricula. The CEO & Superintendent offered that data drives the issue. James shared that we have access to consultants who helped at Rocketship and at Cornerstone.

VII. Closed Session

A. Announcement and Vote to Enter Closed Session

Chuck Daggs made a motion to enter closed session.
Jaime Quiroga seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Closed Session

The Board discussed anticipated litigation with General Counsel.

C. Return to Open Session

No action taken.

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 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tom Peraic