



MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Board of Trustees: Special Meeting

HOS Search Committee Findings and Vote

Date and Time

Wednesday January 24, 2024 at 6:15 PM

Location

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17 Lime Street, Marblehead, MA 01945

Trustees Present

Carol McEnaney, James Lewis (remote), Jessica Xiarhos, Katie Holt, Kimberly Nothnagel, Lindsay Smith, Nick Santoro, Paul Baker, Polly Titcomb (remote), Rodolphe Herve, William Rockwell (remote)

Trustees Absent

Ian Hunt

Guests Present

Danette Russo (remote), Emma Kim Milligan (remote), Jeff Barry (remote), Ryan Milligan (remote)

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Katie Holt called a meeting of the board of trustees of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Wednesday Jan 24, 2024 at 6:26 PM.

II. Head of School Search Committee Presentation

A. Description of HOS Search Committee Actions

Jeff Lewis outlined the actions of the search committee since the ad for HoS was placed. The position was closed to candidates on 12/1/ 24.

Stephanie Brant came out ahead of the 2nd placed candidate. Other 12 candidates were some distance behind the two front runners.

Katie Holt outlined what has happened since the departure of the former HoS and what she has achieved since she stepped into the void, basically filling three newly vacant full time leadership positions.

Stephanie has had a 10 months long "on the job" interview and has excelled with tact, empathy and professionalism.

Lindsay & Paul echoed Katies words of support.

Nick echoed that the faculty is impressed with Stephanie, her leadership is top down and collaborative.

Nick shared his concern that should someone question the process, Stephanies position would be questioned. Why not interview Stephanie and another candidate to make it full proof.

Ian shared that the school needs to do the right thing and have Stephanie in place, the school has challenges that need to be addressed asap therefore need to go forward.

Polly has no issues with Stephanie, but public perception/perspective is paramount.

Ian and Paul agree/share that schools best interest is at the center of what we do..The school comes first, always!

Rudi detests coronations.

III. Public Comment

A. Jeff great recommendations..best HoS we've ever had..has done Brilliant work.

Danette..echoed everything that others have said..turned the whole school around and has made the school a better place and a great place to work. Stephanie is the best.

IV. Closing Items

A. Recap Action Items

B. Board Comments

C. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul Baker