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MCCPS Board of Trustees

Minutes

Governance Committee

Monthly Meeting

Date and Time
Friday June 20, 2025 at 12:00 PM

Location
Zoom Meeting:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92043602027?pwd=RGh6cDBVd2JkVzBFWmpmdk5yTXRKZz09

Meeting ID: 920 4360 2027
Passcode: MCCPSgov

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Committee Members Present
Polly Titcomb (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
Kimberly Nothnagel (remote)

Guests Present

Eric (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Polly Titcomb called a meeting of the Governance Committee of MCCPS Board of Trustees to order on Friday Jun 20, 2025 at 12:16 PM.
Polly Titcomb made a motion to Appoint Board member, Kim Nothnagel, to the Governance Committee.
- Board on Track will not let Chair choose other options for moving parties, so note that Eric Nothnagel moved to appoint Kim and the Chair, Polly Titcomb, seconded her appointment (there are no other voting members who could have otherwise seconded the vote).
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Board Applicant Interviews

A. Chris Re Interview

Polly Titcomb made a motion to Recommend Chris Re for appointment as a member of the full Board of Trustees.
BACKGROUND:
- Works for tech company authoring platform for educational companies who distribute educational programs to schools.
- Accessibility of the programs for all students is a bit part of his personal focus at work
- Just recently completed MBA from S. NHU in Business Administration
- Has 3 daughters (triplets!) at Charter who will be entering the 5th Grade in the fall

NOW:
- He was able to join last Board meeting - really appreciated getting deeper understanding of the various struggles and challenges faculty face in running the school and learning more about that first-hand
- Looks forward to the opportunity to practically apply his professional experience in a real-world context; also feels he could learn a lot as well
- Asked about how often we hear about parent concerns and how the Board goes about addressing those

VOTE:
- Board on Track will not let Chair choose other options for moving parties, so note that the Chair did not Move or Second the following vote.

- Eric N. moved to recommend Chris's appointment to the full Board of Trustees. Kim N. seconded the Motion. Unanimously passed.

- Will not be able to attend the annual retreat tomorrow (06/21/25)
- Has already joined DEI Committee; not sure if he's a voting member yet; would be interested in joining a second committee if the level of commitment was manageable with these other obligations.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Karen Kagan

Polly Titcomb made a motion to Recommend Karen Kagan for appointment as a member of the full Board of Trustees.
BACKGROUND:
- Worked in Special Ed. for 30 years
- worked at Charter for a number of years during that time
- loves the mission of Charter
- was present for two of the administrative turn-overs in the past and the challenges that brought to the school and faculty
- attended the last Board meeting where we discussed the results of the teacher surveys of the Head of School and was very happy to see the positive results and satisfaction of the faculty overall

NOW:
- Spends her time volunteering: SPUR, NE Animal Shelter, co-runs her family's Charitable Trust Foundation, which focuses on helping to fill the needs of people in the Merrimack Valley
- school was perceived as a special ed school during her prior tenures; wants to make sure the perception of the school is accurate; would like to see the school opened up to more districts

VOTE:
- Board on Track will not let Chair choose other options for moving parties, so note that the Chair did not Move or Second the following vote.
- Kim N. moved to recommend Karen's appointment to the full Board of Trustees. Eric N. seconded the Motion. Unanimously passed.

-Karen will be in attendance at the annual retreat tomorrow (06/21/25).
- Would be interested in joining Academic Excellence Committee; would also consider Governance Committee
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Caroline McIver

Caroline McIver was not in attendance.

III. Governance

A. Review of Board of Trustee Handbook

Tabled for future meeting.

IV. Closing Items

A. Public Comments and/or Member Comments

No further discussion.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Polly Titcomb