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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

Location: Zoom.Us – Meeting ID: 817 8288 2209

Monday, March 21, 2022

Board Members Present: Brenda Marrero, Esq., Dr. Joseph DuCette, Donna Nuccio, Dana Espinosa, Jessika Garcia, Caroline Gorman

Board Members Absent: Dr. Nelson Flores, Sarah Finkelstein

Quorum Established: Yes

Others Present: Dr. Darcy Russotto, CEO; Dr. Joshua Fineberg, Director of Student Services; Mercedes Walton-Mason, Assistant Principal; David Shemaria Assistant Principal; Robin Eglin, Omnivest LLC; Carl Cristella, Director of Technology

Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 4:37pm.

Public Testimony

- No Public Comment

Governance

- MOTION to APPROVE *meeting minutes for 2/28/22* by Marrero, seconded by DuCette. Motion passed. Gorman abstains.

Finance

- *Review of the February Financials provided by Robin Eglin.* Current Ratio: 1.47; Cash on Hand: 43.26 - FAIL; Debit Ratio: 0.36; Total Margin: 5.38%; Lease Coverage Ratio: 1.88. – PASS
- *Audit and Finance Committee Update:* At this time, there is no update on tuition rates for the upcoming school year, but a decrease is expected. Flat rates for general liability insurance are expected. PSERS contribution rate has increased from 34.94% to 35.26%. The health insurance renewal is coming in at an estimated 2-3% increase. The staffing model proposal for next year is being developed on a conservative budget with the elimination of positions.

School Report

- The school report is presented by Yolanda Cooper.
- Cooper provides an overview of the latest benchmark data in ELA and Math. Based on the math scores, Espinosa inquires about the impact of having an extra Math teacher. Cooper believes that more time is needed to provide an accurate assessment. Shemaria adds that additional assessments, such as STAR, are being administered to measure student growth but that the increase of assessments is also shining a light on pacing and utilization of math programs (i.e., Eureka). Mason shares on how WIN periods are being leveraged and small groups are being maximized.

Entered into EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 5:25 PM for compensation review and personnel matters. Returned to REGULAR SESSION at 5:30 PM.

Action Items

- MOTION to APPROVE Stipends and Attendance Monetary Awards by Marrero, seconded by Nuccio. Motion passed.
- MOTION to RATIFY Staff Terminations by Marrero, seconded by Espinosa. Motion passed.
- MOTION to RATIFY Amended School Calendar for the 2021-2022 school year by Marrero, seconded by Nuccio. Motion passed.
- MOTION to APPROVE Amended Health and Safety Plan by Marrero, seconded by Gorman. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43PM.

Minutes recorded by: Lisandra Kelly