



REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 4:45 pm
 Minnesota Transitions Charter School District Office
 2872, 26th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406

1. Call to order at 5:05
2. Pledge of Allegiance
I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.
3. MTCS Mission Statement:
We are a student-centered learning community that inspires and supports all learners to achieve excellence through equitable, relevant learning experiences.
4. Roll call and noting of quorum (*Roll by Voice - 9 current members, 5 constitutes quorum*)--8 members currently

Martin Lukaszewski, Board Chair (present)
Britta Hagstrom, Vice-Chair (present)
Renee Smetana, Secretary Treasurer (present)
Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Licensed Social Worker, teacher (present)
Ismail Haji, teacher (present)
Kelly Nyberg, teacher (present)
Jacob Hinz, teacher (present)
Gwen Jackson, community member (present)
Julie Starkey, parent (absent)

Also in attendance: Brian Erlandson, Marisa Rivera-Lugo, Kristi Thao, Jenny Buck.

5. Approval of agenda
Motion to approve the agenda with amended changes, made by Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, seconded by Kelly Nyberg. Motion passes 8-0.
6. Summary of Superintendent's Evaluation

Before the end of the December 19th, 2019, MTCS Board of Directors meeting, the board move to a closed session to discuss the mid-year review of Superintendent Brian Erlandson. The following is a summary of the discussion.

First, in his remarks the Superintendent stated that he tries to be supportive, consistent, open, and transparent.

In the area of growth, members of the board are looking to receive a quick summary of the cabinet meeting delivered to the board in the Superintendent's Report. The board feels that communication

between buildings and the superintendent has improved and is appreciated. Members of the board who are located in buildings other than the central office feel a sense of transparency.

In the area of the budget, board members are feeling a sense of momentum through his leadership. In response, the Superintendent said while Pillsbury United Communities doesn't have a stated hard number at this time, his goal of 25% for our fund balance to be achieved within the next 5 years, might sound like a high goal, but it is much better than having just a 5% to 8% amount. This higher amount allows for some cushion, if needed to be utilized in the future, instead of taking away items that directly affect students.

In addition, the board has stated that there are shown gains in the budget. They recognize that the Superintendent has had to make tough decisions. The board believes that the Superintendent is leading a push towards excellence, that he is visible and takes the best interests of the entire School community into account when making difficult financial decisions. The board believes that the Superintendent engages the community and is reflective of their needs.

The Superintendent then stated that he feels it's been rewarding to see growth and different perspectives. He feels it's a privilege to enhance our programs.

Lastly, board members Wendy, and Gwen, both stated they are glad that the Superintendent is willing to take risks and recognize that the Superintendent is moving forward to bring everyone up with him.

7. Open forum/public comment

None

8. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the December Board Minutes
- b. Approval of the November Finance Committee Minutes
- c. Approval of the December Finance Committee Minutes
- d. Accounts Payable
- e. HR new hires, resignations, terminations

Motion to accept and approve the Consent Agenda made by Gwen Jackson, seconded by Britta Hagstrom. Motion passes 8-0.

9. Reports - School Community

- a. Director of Equity and Diversity
Wendy Lorenz-Walraven
- a. Family and Community Engagement Coordinators
Mahad Mohamed & Marisa Rivera Lugo
- b. Director of Marketing and Communications
Jenny Buck

10. Reports - Board

- a. Financial report
 - i. January Finance Committee Meeting - Renee
- b. Superintendent - provided by Brian Erlandson

- c. Board Committee reports
 - i. Executive - Did not meet
 - ii. Academic - presented by Ismail Haji/Dr. Jackson
 - iii. Policy - Did not meet, will need to schedule to discuss Policy on Practicums
- d. Board/Superintendent Committee Reports (all met November 12, 2019, 4 pm)
 - i. Marketing - presented by Britta Hagstrom
 - ii. Compensation - presented by Kelly Nyberg
 - iii. Technology - presented by Renee Smetana
 - iv. Diversity & Equity - provided by Wendy Lorenz-Walraven

11. Action Items

- a. 2020-2021 MTCS School Year Calendar
Motion to accept the 2020-2021 MTCS school year calendar, it is not ready to be finalized at this meeting, the executive has the power to approve the calendar if it needs to be approved before the next board meeting, motion made by Britta Hagstrom, and seconded by Kelly Nyberg. Motion passes 8-0.
- b. Notification of Superintendent to Continue in Position
Motion to accept Superintendent Erlandson's desire to continue in serving as MTCS Superintendent made by Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Britta Hagstrom seconded by. Motion passes 8-0.
- c. New Superintendent Contract
Motion to authorize draft of new contract for Superintendent Erlandson by committee appointed by Chair (Martin, Kelly, Gwen, Kristi Thao, Scott Marine) made by Renee Smetana seconded by Britta Hagstrom. Motion passes 8-0.

12. Discussions

- a. Upcoming meetings/events/information
- b. Board Meeting - February 20th

PEASE Event happening on the 27th

Recognized the food shelf, food went completely out, Thrivent will match at \$250

13. Adjourn Meeting, at 6:55pm.

Motion to adjourn the Board Meeting for Thursday, January 23rd, 2020 made by Britta Hagstrom, seconded by Wendy Lorenz-Walraven. Motion passes 8-0.