



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 22nd, 2021, 4:45 pm
 Minnesota Transitions Charter School District Office
 2872, 26th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55406

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13d.021, and the current State of Emergency in Minnesota due to the CoVid-19 pandemic, the Board Chair and Chief Legal Counsel for MTCS have determined that it is not prudent to conduct an in-person meeting of the School Board, nor is it feasible to allow any member of the public to be present at the regular meeting location in order to attend the meeting. All members will participate by electronic means. The Regular Board Meeting of Thursday, April 22, 2021, will meet via Zoom conference call, and members of the public who wish to attend the meeting by do so by registering at the website below:

Please register for this meeting at

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUodeutzsiH9bStxQ59-RuH6YvAlcAW2a9>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

1. Call to order at 4:49 pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance
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 - Role call and Voting to be completed in the following order:*
 - a. Carinna Tello
 - b. KiloMarie Granda
 - c. Jacob Hinz
 - d. Wendy Lorenz-Walraven
 - e. Gwen Peyton
 - f. Khaleef Warsame
 - g. Tyler Frankhouse
 - h. Marisa Rivera Lugo
 - i. Martin Lukaszewski

KiloMarie Granda, Parent (Present)

Jacob Hinz, Teacher (Present)

Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Licensed social worker, teacher (Present)

Gwen Peyton, Community member (Present)

Khaleef Warsame, Teacher (Present)

Tyler Frankhouse, Community member (Present)

Marisa Rivera Lugo, Teacher (Present)

Martin Lukaszewski, Board Chair (Present)

Carinna Tello, Parent (Not Present)

Also present: Brian Erlandson, Bill, Glenz, Jenny Buck, Scott Marine, Kristi Thao

5. Approval of agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as written made by Gwen Peyton and second by Wendy Lorenz-Walraven . Roll call voice vote to approve, KiloMarie Granda, Jacob Hinz, Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Gwen Peyton, Khaleef Warsame, Tyler Frankhouse, Marisa Rivera Lugo and Martin Lukaszewski. Motion approved 8-0.

6. Open forum/public comment

7. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of March Board Minutes
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable
- c. HR Resignations, Terminations, New Hires

Motion to accept Consent agenda as written moved by Jacob Hinz and second by KiloMarie Granda. Roll call voice vote to approve, KiloMarie Granda, Jacob Hinz, Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Gwen Peyton, Khaleef Warsame, Tyler Frankhouse, Marisa Rivera Lugo and Martin Lukaszewski. Motion approved 8-0.

8. Reports

- a. Board Chair Report - Marty
- b. Financial Report - Report from Finance Committee - Tyler
- c. Superintendent's Report - April, 2021
- d. Board Committee reports
 - i. Academic - Kelsey B (Gwen)
 - ii. Policy - Gwen (Marissa, KiloMarie, Khaleef)
 - iii. Compensation - Shawn F (Jake)
 - iv. Diversity and Equity - Wendy Lorenz-Walraven (Marisa, KiloMarie)
 - v. Technology - Bill Glenz (Tyler)
 - vi. Marketing - Jenny Buck (Carinna)

9. Action Items

- a. MNVS contract with Total Package Hockey presented by Bill Glenz
Motion to approve Total Package Hockey as a program delivered by MN Virtual Schools made by Jacob Hinz Khaleef Warsame second.KiloMarie Granda. Roll call voice vote to approve, KiloMarie Granda, Jacob Hinz, Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Gwen Peyton, Khaleef Warsame, Tyler Frankhouse, Marisa Rivera Lugo and Martin Lukaszewski. Motion approved 8-0.
- b. Ad-hoc Committee Appointments
Motion to create an ad hoc committee to present to the May meeting to identify members approve a committee to incentivize and recognize staff going above and beyond for staff and community, made by Jake Hinz and second by Marisa Rivera Lugo. Roll call voice vote to approve, KiloMarie Granda, Jacob Hinz, Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Gwen Peyton, Khaleef Warsame, Tyler Frankhouse, Marisa Rivera Lugo and Martin Lukaszewski. Motion approved 8-0.

10. Discussions

- a. Superintendent's Evaluation
- b. Teacher Appreciation (ideas to be finalized Marty, Brian and Jenny next days)
- c. Coronavirus - Most Recent Updates
- d. Upcoming Board Meetings:
 - i. May 27, 2021
 - ii. June 24, 2021

11. Closed Session Closed Session pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13D.05, subdivision 3(a), to evaluate the performance of an individual subject to its authority. Motion at 6:45 pm, to discuss Superintendent Evaluation .

Motion to go into closed session made by Gwen Peyton, second by Marisa Rivera Lugo. Roll call voice vote to approve, KiloMarie Granda, Jacob Hinz, Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Gwen Peyton, Khaleef Warsame, Tyler Frankhouse, Marisa Rivera Lugo and Martin Lukaszewski. Motion approved 8-0.

12. Discussions #2 in Closed Session

- a. 2020-2021 Superintendent's Evaluation (End of Year)
Summary:

The meeting ended with a closed session to discuss the end of year evaluation of our superintendent, Brian Erlandson. Members of the board were given an opportunity to submit their comments in writing prior to the board meeting and those comments were shared with the superintendent. At the meeting we discussed each of his goal areas with Brian. Board members were given the opportunity to verbally add any additional comments and Superintendent Erlandson also had the opportunity to respond and share comments. Generally, board members expressed support and positive comments about how Superintendent Erlandson ran MTCS in a particularly difficult year with covid-19 pandemic, and the destruction of MTS Secondary and the district offices. Overseeing the movement of students back into buildings, back out, over and again, along with coordinating the building of the MTS/MTCS location on Minnehaha and Lake Street is a monumental task and Superintendent Erlandson has done an extraordinary job.

Superintendent Erlandson has shown to be a good steward of the financial bottom line and has a strong process for making decisions, that not only keeps us on top of our finances, but everything ties back to student learning and our goals for students. It is truly incredible how

far we've come with Brian's leadership and the additional assistance from the CARES dollars.

Communication continues to be a very strong element of Brian's leadership. He always delivers information in a way that is timely and appropriate to families, staff, and the community. All stakeholders are informed and know what's happening which is particularly important in times of crisis and difficulty. He has a wealth of information in the Superintendent reports, which not only show the activities, but also the thinking.

When it comes to professional and personal development, he may be developing in ways we do not see. Brian shares leadership and is always learning. Brian models what growth and good process looks like: flexible, adaptable, and he changes as he gains insight which lets staff, students and family do the same. This creates an environment where we hold the space for people to say what they see ... name the hard stuff ... and create a different community together with his leadership.

Superintendent Erlandson thanked the board for their insight and expressed that he always remains open to talk with any of the board, and welcomes any comments and questions. He remarked that transparency was always his goal and he is not afraid to make himself vulnerable. This year was often making decisions based on terrible scenarios, and he has given the community the sense that he, the entire district, is listening and making decisions that are always rooted in getting what is best for kids. Academics, equity--there is such an opportunity at a grassroots level to make significant change.

Unanimous consent of the board returned the board meeting back to open session which at that time, 7:36pm.

13. Action Items #2 reconvene to open session at 7:36

- a. Action based on the topics discussed in the closed session.

Motion to provide a bonus of 4% to Superintendent Erlandson, made by Khaleef Warsame, second by KiloMarie Granda. Roll call voice vote to approve, KiloMarie

Granda, Jacob Hinz, Wendy Lorenz-Walraven, Gwen Peyton, Khaleef Warsame, Tyler Frankhouse, Marisa Rivera Lugo and Martin Lukaszewski. Motion approved 8-0.

14. Adjourn Meeting at 7:40.