

HOPE Community Academy
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
May 26, 2011
720 Payne Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55130 – Conference Room of HOPE

Members present	Absent	Staff Present	Also Present
Ania Wrase		Maychy Vu	
Warren Hegge		Stacey Avila	
Barb Bates			
Kim Schmidt			
Danielle Zdon			

Call to Order: Warren called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved as amended with adding Board Member elections under New Business.

Approval of April 28, 2011 Minutes: Minutes were approved as written.

Community Comments: There were no community comments.

Consent Agenda:

- a. **Middle School Science Curriculum-** At the April board meeting, middle school science teacher, Kara Schroeder presented on science curriculum. She made the recommendation to the board of the Interactive Curriculum which includes consumable book for seven years. The cost of this curriculum would be approximately \$14,000.
- b. **DSS –** DSS has handled HOPE’s lawn care needs for the past few years. HOPE cares for most lawn care needs in house however; there is nobody on staff that can handle the irrigation start up. The cost for the irrigation start up is \$263.
- c. **Safe-Way Bus Company –** Safe-Way was the only bus company that submitted an RFP to HOPE for transportation services for the 2011-2012 school year. Safe-Way will provide transportation for the students in and outside of St. Paul. The cost to transport students in St. Paul will be \$269,325 which is a decrease from the current years cost of \$299,250.
- d. **LarsonAllen –** LarsonAllen conducts HOPE’s yearly audit. The cost for the current year was \$11,950 and the cost for the 2011-2012 school year will be \$12,500.
- e. **UST Clinical Placements –**The University of St. Thomas has submitted an agreement for clinical placements between them and HOPE. The agreement states that HOPE accepts selected clinical practice (student teaching) students enrolled at the University of St. Thomas. The purpose of the agreement is to comply with the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.
- f. **Facility Rates –**The policy committee has submitted an adjusted facility rental schedule in order to make renting the facility possible to more individuals.

Danielle motioned to approve Consent Agenda items. Kim seconded. Approved.

Committee Reports

Executive Committee

Maychy’s yearly work plan was submitted and will be submitted again with minor changes.

Finance Committee

Revenues exceed expenditures by \$312,998. No major changes or decision have been made yet due to legislature going into special session. HOPE has currently spent approximately 72% of the budget and all expenses seem to be on track.

Board Development

Ballots for board elections have been received from parents and licensed teachers and will be counted at tonight's meeting.

Eugene Picollo from MACS will be at the August meeting for board orientation.

MAPS will help to train the board for board recruitment.

New members need to be trained in the three required areas.

The Board Development Committee will meet with MAPS on June 8, 2011 to discuss board recruitment.

The next Board Development Committee meeting will be on June 14, 2011 at 7:00 a.m.

Marketing

No Marketing Committee minutes.

Policy Committee

Policy Committee presented under the Consent Agenda regarding the facility change.

Ania made a motion to approve the Committee minutes. Barb seconded. Approved.

New Business

Director's Report – Report Attached

- Enrollment dropped by one student who moved out of state.
- University of St. Thomas will be reviewing HOPE's documents for the authorization process. June 2, 2011 Dave Peterson from UST is to turn in a draft to Maychy. The board will approve the contract at the June 15, 2011 meeting and the contract is due to MDE by June 30, 2011.
- Maychy continues to work on moving Donna into a role of a traditional "principal". The transition will be complete by the fall.

Board Elections

The three teachers running for the board are Allison Janssen, Kathi Graham, and Ania Wrase. The two parents running for the board are John Ly and Bee Moua. Ballots were counted during the meeting revealing the following totals:

John Ly –	74 votes
Bee Moua –	58 votes
Ania Wrase –	57 votes
Allison Janssen –	55 votes
Kathi Graham –	56 votes

Barb motioned to seat the new board members. Danielle seconded. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Next meeting on June 15, 2011