

Present: Tim Dutton, Rachel Allison, Michael Bologna, John Rodriguez, Jesse Toro, Celeste Markle, Sandy Lefkowitz, Kit Kaolian, Wendy Phillips and Na'taya Riley.

Absent: Rachel Smith, Vik Muktavaram, Vincent Musto, Dee Fuller

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm.

- **Public comment (Each guest is allowed 3 minutes)** No Public comment.
- **Approval of minutes from previous (June) meetings:** Minutes were approved.
- **Old Business:** Governing Council meeting will be conducted forward by Na'Taya Riley. Students who completed summer requirements have passed. Restorative practice will be implemented during times of discipline as new practices.
- **Status report and update on school, school climate, end of year events:**
The High School has had a strong start. Teachers are settling in well, along with creating a positive climate for the students to return to and work in. There have been positive changes made this year. We are currently working on enrollment, looking to fill 8 9th grade slots and 5 10th graders. Middle School has also had a strong start to the year.
- **Personnel (Dutton), early retirement negotiation, part time SPED, new hires:**

There is one employee that will be taking early retirement, with a 20k payout and two years of Part D insurance paid for by us. After looking through enrollment it was found that 48 are SPED students, this takes us over the 20 to 1 ratio for SPED student to SPED instructor. We will need to hire a new part time SPED teacher to keep us in compliance of the ratio.

A motion was made to allow Tim to advertise a part time position with what Bridgeport is offering as salary. Along with the ability to negotiate to increase salary with an agreed cap of 15k and to make the position full time if needed. Motion was approved.

- **Special Education Memorandum of Understanding and building dispute:**

Bridgeport agreed to give us a part time SPED instructor. We will not be getting partial reimbursement for the SPED teacher we already have.

The ongoing dispute we have with Bridgeport and the 504 bussing has been forward to the City's Attorney.

7. Renewal application and visit, Corrective Action Plan submitted and approved: All corrective action plans have been approved and updates must be submitted once a month.

8. Financial report, Budget for next year (for now same as this year) Current 2 month financial report: 33K Surplus in the budget at years end, this surplus is based on the 280 enrollment. Construction is under budget and not included in this month's finance report. We have recently received a 19K donation that will be used for Middle School reading program and a new teacher. This donation is also not reflected in the budget.

9. Building issues (Dutton) Approval of contractor for office renovation, asbestos removal:

Permit was approved. New Middle School offices will be finished at the end of September. Art room is completed and fully functional. The minor issue with the phone system has been resolved. Along with that we are ahead in the cleaning budget and will be adding 1 new part time employee for 5 hours a day.

10. Food Service new signers: Sandy and John were nominated to be authorized to sign documents for food services.

11. Executive session: No executive session.

12. Other New Business: No new business.

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm

Board Member	Topic	Date of resolution
Sandy Lefkowitz	Governing Board	10/16/2017