



MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING

January 20, 2022, 6:30 PM

Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/dqs-baqp-mwz>

1. Call to order – 6:33 p.m.

2. Opening Matters

- Pledge of Allegiance - [Flag](#)
- **Attendance:**
 - **Board Trustees:**
Dan Rufo (President – Presiding),
Monica Reynolds (Secretary),
Elizabeth Falcone (Vice-President);
Shawn Glick (Treasurer),
Anthony Bragoli,
Greg Scott,
Greg Queen,
Mark Greiner,
Yvan Francois;
G. Anne Waskiewicz;
Gwendolyn Supplee;
Seyi Akinfenwa
 - **Administration:**
Dr. Gina Guarino-Buli,
David Cosme, Jr.,
Harold Smith;
Michelle Boyd;
Carol Schaeffer;
Heather Rinker;
Kendra Gruber;
- Opening statements – D.Rufo
 - Process for New Business - please submit public comment to email - publiccomment@rak12.org
 - Executive Session last month - Legal Matters and Real Estate
 - Executive Session tonight
 - Use of Consent Agenda going forward

3. Items to add to new business – None requested

4. **Consent Agenda** - brief explanation given on consent agenda procedures
 - i. **Approval of Agenda**
 - ii. **Review & accept minutes from past meetings**
December 16, 2021 - Voting Meeting - [Minutes](#)
 - iii. **Administration Reports**
 - iv. **Staff roster by Business Manager** – Y. Francois abstains from this issue

No objections being made, All consent agenda items were accepted/approved/adopted.

5. **Public Comment** – none

6. **Staff or Student Representative** – none present

7. **Administration Reports - [Principal Reports](#)**

- Elementary School Principal Report – K.Gruber provided summary. Have small groups beginning for counseling. Also have had anti-Bullying presentations and reiteration/reinforcement of kindness and patience values. 100 day of school (Jan. 28th) upcoming. PBIS points disco dress down fun day. 4th Graders planning to take National Assessment of Educational Process testing at end of month. Planning for Black History Month events next month. Re-introduction of color rules in cafeteria and norms. In future weeks will be focusing on individual color rules. Elementary, equity and equality (E3) group being focused on ways to spread equality in the curriculum and classroom.
- Middle School Principal Report – H.Rinker provided summary. K-12 same focus on “expectation reset.” Recorded 3 videos over first 3 days back to address and discuss. Counseling department has been using snowflakes for positive messaging. AVEDUM club going to be “knight watch” volunteers also restarted. MTSS process worked to be improved to support. Comp. services for special education services. Prep for MAP and CD testing. Planning for Black History Month events next month. Teachers and staff receiving support and education on handling and addressing “reset expectations” and culture.
- High School Principal Report – M.Boyd provided summary. Ms. Boyd and Mr. Smith made video to present to high school. Has seen improvement since beginning of year. MSU (minority student union) working on plans for Black History Month spread out over month. Annual dodgeball tournament. SAT prep classes have begun. “Knights to Work” program underway, students have chosen advisors and had initial meeting; Work on BLM mural is ongoing and in the painting phase. Focus has been on climate and culture and getting that group restarted. Scheduling for next year is already underway. CDT (classroom diagnostic tests) begun that are used to assess progress toward Keystone Exams. \$7.5 million is the current total of offered scholarships for seniors.
- Discussion of transitioning back from remote learning and challenges: relearning, social-emotional/behavioral expectations. Ms. Rinker feels proud of 7th and 8th grade getting back and meeting expectations for behavior and for “light blue shirts” have required less and less correction and smaller groups of those requiring attention and correction.
- Deans of Students – H. Smith & J. Miller. H.Smith provided brief summary for high school. Videos were well received and students welcomed enforcement of “old RA” rules and

students are taking advantage of discussion to talk through problems. J.Miller gave brief summary for middle school. Reiterated getting back to basics and foundations of team work

- CEO Report – G.Guarino-Buli provided summary. [CEO Report](#) PDE - examining how to incorporate diversity and equity into curriculum. Updates provided on grants. Lottery upcoming next month, anticipated wait list anticipated to projected to be similar to prior years – 65-70 Kinders and roughly 25-30 for every other grade through 8th.

8. **Committees Meeting updates – Committee Chairs**

- Development Committee – M.Grenier provided summary. Dr. Buli going to provide update. Met this month. Tied up end of year items. Middle school academy counsel had fundraiser that was successful. Most planning baseball, softball and cheerleading. Set June 3rd for Golf Outing.
- Curriculum & Achievement – D.Rufo provided a summary. Did not meet this month.
- HR Committee – E.Falcone provided summary. Met yesterday. Requesting a vote on update to covid vaccination policy of May 1st to require boosters. Beth Falcone reviewed changes. Gwen Supplee asked about language relating to boosters and required/recommended language. Discussion was held with respect to specific amendments to policy as proposed and determination that proposed revisions must be articulated with more specificity prior to vote. Accordingly, request for vote on policy update was withdrawn/postponed.
- Finance Committee – S.Glick provided summary. The auditor’s results came in and they issued a clean opinion, which means that there were no findings or material misstatements of the information contained in the financial statements. On December 10 we submitted an application for forgiveness of RA’s PPP loan, and have not received any information or response from the lender and we are waiting for that or to have them forward our application to the SBA. We received notice of the Title 1 federal grant audits, and are expecting follow up information as to what information they are looking for to audit.
- Strategic Planning Committee – Y.Francois provided summary. No meeting was held.
- Legislative Committee – G.Queen provided summary. Met January 7, 2022. Looking to schedule meeting with PA Youth Vote Executive Director.
- Equality & Equity – G.Supplee provided summary. No meeting was held.
- Business Manager’s Report – C.Schaeffer – Reports in Board Drive. Upcoming audits will be greatly expanded. Reported on status of providing information to bond reporting.

9. **Policy Reviews/Resolutions - none**

10. **New Business - none**

11. **Adjournment** Motion to adjourn made by M.Reynolds; Seconded by G.Queen. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passes. **The meeting was ADJOURNED at 8:19 p.m.**

12. **Executive Session - Discussion of Real Estate Matters**

Monica Mathews Reynolds

Monica Mathews Reynolds, Trustee and Recording Secretary