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MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES VOTING MEETING

September 15, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Google Meet link:

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

Google Slides Link:

[Slides for Board Meeting 9.15.2022](#)

1. Call to order - 6:36 pm

2. Opening Matters

- Pledge of Allegiance - [Flag](#)
- Attendance -
Board of Trustees & Administration

Dan Rufo (President - Presiding);
Elizabeth Falcone (Vice-President);
Monica Reynolds (Secretary),
~~Greg Scott,~~
Greg Queen,
Mark Greiner,
Sujaya Narahari,
~~Yvan Francois,~~
G. Anne Waskiewicz;
Gwendolyn Supplee;
Seyi Akinfenwa

Administration:

Dr. Gina Guarino-Buli,
David Cosme, Jr.,
Harold Smith
Jordan Miller
Tara Webber
Michelle Boyd;
Carol Schaeffer; remote
Heather Rinker;
Kendra Gruber;

- **Opening statements – Dan Rufo**
 - Cross Committee Meeting held
 - Interviews for new board members held – Nominations
 - Seat 2 - Moujan Toloubadei
Motion to nominate Moujan Toloubadei to the Board of Trustees, Seat 2,
made by E.Falcone; Seconded by S.Narahari. Votes cast as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G. Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S. Narahari	√		
G. Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G. Supplee	√		
S. Akinfenwa	√		
Total	9	0	0

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Moujan Toloubadei is NOMINATED to Seat 2 on the Board of Trustees.**

- Seat 5 - Jonathan Duncan
Motion to nominate Jonathan Duncan to the Board of Trustees, Seat 5, made by E. Falcone; Seconded by S. Narahari. Votes cast as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstained</u>
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G. Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S. Narahari	√		
G. Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G. Supplee	√		
S. Akinfenwa	√		
Total	9	0	0

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. **Jonathan Duncan is NOMINATED to Seat 5 on the Board of Trustees.**

3. Consent Agenda -

- Approval of Agenda
- Review & accept minutes from past meetings
 - August 18, 2022 - [Minutes](#)
- Administration Reports
- Staff Roster by Business Manager

Result: Any objections to approval and acceptance of Consent Agenda items? **None.**

4. Public Comment

- If not submitted as an email, please use the “Raise Hand” feature and you will be called upon - publiccomment@rak12.org. **None.**

5. **Administration Reports** – Outlines of Reports are now included in the google slide deck at the link provided above. *See* the slide deck for details. Discussion was held as to how “Back to Basics” adopted across all schools has been very well received and appreciated. Discussion was held relating to supporting the FSO and what a great job they are doing.

- High School Principal Report – Michelle Boyd provided summary.
- Middle School Principal Report – Heather Rinker.
- Elementary School Principal Report – Kendra Gruber.
- Deans of Students – Harold Smith, Jordan Miller and Tara Webber
- CEO Report – Dr. Buli - [September CEO](#)

6. **Committees Meeting updates – Committee Chairs** - Outlines of Reports are now included in the google slide deck at the link provided above. *See* the slide deck for details.

- Development Committee – No written report available. Dr. Buli provided summary.
- Curriculum & Achievement - Dan Rufo provided report.
- Standing Executive Session on HR – Beth Falcone provided report.
- Finance Committee – Written report was shared in google slide deck.
- Strategic Planning Committee – No report.
- Legislative Committee – Greg Queen provided report.
- Equality and Equity Committee - Sujaya Narahari provided report.
- Ad-Hoc Climate and Culture Committee - Mark Grenier/Dan Rufo provided report.
- Business Manager’s Report – Carol Schaeffer. Reports were in folder.

7. **Policy Reviews/Resolutions**

- [Tuition Reimbursement](#) - **First Reading.** No comments or discussion.
- [Transgender Student Policy](#) - **Review / reauthorization.** Motion to reauthorize Board of Trustee’s Transgender Student Policy made by M.Reynolds; Seconded by G.Supplee. Votes cast as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstained
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G. Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S. Narahari	√		
G. Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G. Supplee	√		
S. Akinfenwa	√		
Total	9	0	0

Result: All in favor and none opposed; Motion carries. The Board of Trustee’s Transgender Student Policy is RE-AUTHORIZED.

- [School Volunteers.docx](#)- Discussion held to review and potentially reauthorize. Motion to reauthorize Board of Trustee’s Student Volunteers Policy made by M.Reynolds; Seconded by M.Griener. Votes cast as follows:

	Yes	No	Abstained
D. Rufo	√		
E. Falcone	√		
M. Reynolds	√		
G. Queen	√		
M. Greiner	√		
S. Narahari	√		
G. Anne Waskiewicz	√		
G. Supplee	√		
S. Akinfenwa	√		
Total	9	0	0

Result: All in favor and none; Motion carries. The Board of Trustee’s Student Volunteers Policy is RE-AUTHORIZED.

8. New Business

- 2022-2023 Board Committee Assignments
- Add CEO as authorized signer of Settlement Agreements – Discussion was held as to what settlement agreements would be included and whether authority would only follow formal resolution.
- Add in Report from Student Achievement – Discussion was held as to adding a report from Mr. Cosme and what information the Board was looking for in the report.
- Admin attendance at board meetings – Discussion was held as to whether a single representative from administration could be present, rather than requiring all to be present in person. Agreement was that one principal and one dean will be present.
- Change date or time of December Voting meeting. Discussion was held as to moving the meeting from December 15th (choir concert that day) to Tuesday, December 13th. Everyone agreed that was a good option. **The December Board of Trustees’ Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 13th, rather than Thursday, December 15th.**

9. **Adjournment.** Motion to Adjourn made at 8:08 by M.Reynolds, Seconded by M.Greiner. All in favor and none opposed. Motion carries. **Meeting ADJOURNED.**

10. Executive Session - Legal Matter

Monica Mathews Reynolds

Monica Mathews Reynolds, Trustee and Recording Secretary