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Board of Trustees Work Session/Action Meeting MINUTES
February 23, 2023

Executive Session: Held to discuss student issues, personnel and legal concerns.

Public Meeting: 7:00 pm 3340 Tillman Drive | Live Streamed via Zoom <https://bit.ly/SLCSBoard>

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

In Attendance: Peter Hyams, Joe Cummons, Ed Guster, Kelly Magee, Surya Vedula, Bharvin Patel, Joy Snyder, Tim Garvey, Esq. and Karen Schade, CEO

Pledge of Allegiance

Adjourn the meeting of January 26, 2023

MM: Joe Cummons **SM:** Ed Guster **Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

Adopt the Agenda

MM: Joe Cummons **SM:** Ed Guster **Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

REPORTS:

Academic Report – Nothing to add

Financial – Nothing to add

Personnel Report –

- New hires: 5
- Resignation, reduction in force, termination, leave of absence, retirement: 5
- Change in pay rate: 1
- Other: 1

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Question: As a parent are there any discussions of an additional platform other than Schoology?
Some of the staff are piloting a new platform for IB campus that will allow grades to be seen by parents. Stay tuned for upcoming information in Spring or Summer for roll out for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION ITEMS:**1. Accept Board Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2023****MM:** Joe Cummons**SM:** Ed Guster**Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

2. - 4. Accept Academic, Financial Personnel Reports**MM:** Joe Cummons**SM:** Ed Guster**Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

5. Approve February & March 2023 payments to vendors**MM:** Joe Cummons**SM:** Ed Guster**Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

6. Approve February & March 2023 payments of hourly, per diem, and salaried employees**MM:** Joe Cummons**SM:** Ed Guster**Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

7. Approve Updated Conflict of Interest Policy

This involves board members; the major change was an inclusion under federal program space which says that if anyone knows of a conflict of interest of a board member or staff it should be reported. So if something that comes up as a conflict of interest with federal money it must be reported to the Federal Program state coordinator. As a reminder, if a board member has a conflict of interest they should state so and abstain for the vote.

MM: Joe Cummons**SM:** Ed Guster**Action:** Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			

Brian Marks				X
Bharvin Patel	X			
Rosita Shaw				X
Joy Snyder	X			

8. Accept Settlement agreement for student 2022-03

MM: Joe Cummons

SM: Ed Guster

Action: Approved 7- 0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	X			
Joseph Cummons	X			
Ed Guster	X			
Kelly Magee	X			
Surya Vedula	X			
Brian Marks				X
Bharvin Patel	X			
Rosita Shaw				X
Joy Snyder	X			

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Charter Renewal 202-2023** Mrs Schade shared that Bensalem has provided us with the application that we have started to put together. While we have already shared items such as board agendas and minutes there is a large packet of documentation that will need to be provided to Bensalem by the end of March. There will also be a planned visit to the school to look at child accounting and other services. In April or May there will be a presentation to the Bensalem Board with a vote for renewal to occur prior to June. Mrs Schade is hoping for it to go smoothly as there are no special requests. We haven't changed a lot however they did ask us to look at the original charter and what has changed and why. Mrs Schade has compiled a list of questions to get to Dr Lee to make sure we are getting him the proper data. It was asked if the meeting was going to be public and Mrs Schade explained they will have a public meeting to present the information in which they may or may not vote the night of the presentation. Mrs Schade explained that what many don't realize is that as long as there is no impropriety in finance, governance or student achievement there really isn't a space to deny renewal so she feels confident that it will go well.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment: Recess the Board Meeting of February 23, 2023

MM: Joe Cummons

SM: Ed Guster

Action: Approved 7-0

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Peter Hyams	x			
Joseph Cummons	x			
Ed Guster	x			
Kelly Magee	x			
Surya Vedula	x			
Brian Marks				x
Bharvin Patel	x			
Rosita Shaw				x
Joy Snyder	x			

Board Meeting:

The next Board of Trustees Work Session/Action Meeting will be March 23, 2023, at 7:00pm. This meeting will be open to the public and held at the IB Campus, 3340 Tillman Drive.

Minutes recorded by:

Kristin Hokanson

Attested by:

[Signature]

Date:

3/23/23