



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Board of Trustees

June 10, 2020

Board Members Present via Video Conference: Laura Blankfein, Matthias Ederer, Adam Falkner, Laurence Heilbronn, Randall Iserman, Michele Murphy, Max Osse

Absent: none

The Meeting was brought to order by Acting Chair Randall Iserman, at 6:00 and a quorum was found present. Trustee Osse moved for approval of minutes from the May 2020 meeting; seconded by trustee Heilbronn. Minutes approved unanimously by voice vote.

Budget Report

May financial report shows expenditures continue to remain in line with the expectation of a higher year-end operating surplus than was originally budgeted despite a small decrease in the final balance. Finance chair reflected on the success of diligence of school leadership to maintain expenses within the original austerity budget.

Fiscal 2021 budget leaves the school with a smaller EOY surplus of \$180K. Reduction is due to decline in revenue from lower per pupil funding, additional staff to be hired to strengthen aspects of instructional program – assistant to the dean, additional ICT teacher, and a COVID-related contingency of \$130K to ensure funds for costs of remote learning. Trustee Blankfein moved to adopt FY 2021 budget, seconded by trustee Murphy. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

Program Oversight Report

Developing new parameters for grading based on *Grading for Equity*

Digital portfolios will be more complete in the next few weeks.

All students took online math assessments on core standards to determine cumulative mastery at the end of the year. Sixth and seventh grade students also took a responsive diagnostic IXL test. Results will be communicated to parents this summer. In addition, data will be used to create remediation plans for a few students to complete this summer as well as determine planning and remediation and enrichment work for all returning students in the Fall.

School Leadership Report

Data Dashboard provides details of attendance, future enrollment.

Polling parents to learn what percentage do not want to send students to school in the fall

Creating “pods” of students to stay together reducing exposure based on ensemble choices. Some ensemble work needs to be done in the school. Others can be successfully run mostly online.

Enrollment remains steady; no major loss of students in upper grades expected. Recruitment and events for prospective families continue to be successful, bringing many families into regular contact with school staff. Modified attendance criteria based on NYCDOE concept of “seen” (attending class or turning in work) or “unseen”.

Dean headed graduation committee; staff delivering diplomas and mementos; speeches and performances were prerecorded and full program online.



SUNY application for renewal and related templates available online; preparation for completing application on track

Meeting taken into executive session at 7:05 to discuss contractual negotiations and individual personnel issues.

Returned to public session at 7:35.

No new business was introduced into the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 by unanimous voice vote.