

Towpath Trail High School
Board Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018

Board Members in Attendance

Ron McDaniel - President
Angela Robinson
Jessica Hricovec
Kathi Brand
Rob Demko

Guests in Attendance

Jason McMillin - Fiscal Officer
Christina Fraser - Director
John Stack – Cambridge
Karen Wachter - Cambridge
Kerry Jupina- CSS
Kelly Spring - Legal Assistant

The Towpath Trail High School Board Director's Meeting began at 4:17pm with introductions and updates.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Agenda: The Board President discussed the Agenda as presented to Board Members.

A Motion was made by Rob Demko and Second by Kathi Brand respectively to adopt the agenda with changes and the ability to amend throughout the meeting as applicable.

18-20 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors adopts and approves the meeting agenda with noted changes and the ability to amend as needed.

Meeting Minutes:

March Meeting Minutes:

A Motion and Second to accept the March Meeting Minutes as presented was made by Jessica Hricovec and Kathi Brand respectively.

18-21 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approved the March Meeting Minutes as presented.

Legal Update:

There was no legal update.

Sponsor Report:

Ms. Jupina discussed the Sponsor Connection. CSS has engaged with Compass consultant group to reach out to the legislature about education reform related to charter schools. Compass Consulting is a state government group. The board received a letter about monitoring, oversight and technical assistance required by the ORC. Ms. Jupina discussed the ORC requirement including a corrective action plan, probation and suspension and the reasons for such action. Ms. Brand asked a question

about the ability to end a contract vs. probation/suspension. Ms. Jupina referred Ms. Brand to reach out to Mr. Stoy whose email is in the Sponsor Connection. Ms. Jupina reviewed the required sunshine training. Ms. Jupina discussed the request of HB 412 in which the governor of Ohio is requesting limiting public input for schools issues.

State of the School Report:

Ms. Fraser presented the State of the School. Enrollment is 417. Attendance at the main campus is over 40% and over 60% at the East campus. MAP testing is proceeding and she anticipates meeting the 75%. End of course exams will start on the Monday returning from Spring Break. Sarah Watts, a new teacher was able to raise \$350.00 to use toward snacks to motivate the children in addition to using mini exams for the students to try to improve the testing scores.

Financial Report:

Mr. McMillian presented the March Financials. FTEs continue to grow. There was an increase in career tech funding. All payments with Cambridge are up to date. Summit County applied all tax credits due for the parcels as of April 4th.

There was a Motion and a Second by Rob Demko and Kathi Brand respectively to approve the March financials as presented, subject to audit.

18-22 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail High School approves the March financials as presented, subject to audit.

Management Report

Mr. Stack indicated that all members will receive an email with a survey about the Management Company. He requested that board members complete the survey.

Mr. Stack discussed the planning of the satellite buildout with a slide show presentation including proposed design pictures and details of proposed materials. He described the different rooms for all the career tech paths. Mr. Stack reviewed the revised bid from Tober Building Company including a review of proposed costs and timeline. The Management Company is recommending Tober to complete the satellite buildout based on the proposed design and prior experience with the company.

Mr. Stack discussed all the bids that were received for the buildout and welcomed input and questions from the board. The board discussed bid prices, staff for the career tech classes, funding per student, viability of the program and technical specs of the classrooms. Mr. Stack will reach out the bidders to obtain the revised bids and the board will review and vote at the May meeting.

Ms. Robinson asked about the demand with the students for the career tech programs. Ms. Fraser indicated that currently the highest demand is for healthcare and the population of the students is split 50% to 50% males and females. Mr. Stack discussed getting the students interested in the program and ensuring that the programs will meet training requirements.

Ms. Brand and Mr. McDaniel presented ideas of reaching out to advisory board and business groups.

Old Business:

Mr. McDaniel met with Ms. Hart to discuss the Management Contract and the clause that was added to the Contract which was sent to the board members. Mr. Stack provided information related to the legal status of the ownership of the Management Company.

Management Renewal Agreement

There was a Motion by Kathi Brand and Jessica Brand respectively that the Board of Directors of Towpath Trail High School enter into a Management Agreement with Oakmont Education, LLC., for Education Management Operation (EMO) for a term of 3 years effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. As further motioned, the Management Fee Shall be in the amount of 16% of the Schools Qualified Gross Revenue with an Incentive Fee of 1% beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, for each academic year that the School “Meets Standards” on the State Report Card.

18-23 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of Towpath Trail High School enter into a Management Agreement with Oakmont Education, LLC., for Education Management Operation (EMO) for a term of 3 years effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Further Resolved the Management Fee Shall be in the amount of 16% of the Schools Qualified Gross Revenue with an Incentive Fee of 1% beginning with the 2018-2019 academic year, for each academic year that the School “Meets Standards” on the State Report Card.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday May 9, 2018 at 4:15pm at Towpath High School, 275 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44303

Motion to Adjourn: There was a motion by Jessica Hricovec and seconded by Angela Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 5:08pm.

Board Secretary

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