

Towpath Trail High School Board Meeting

275 W. Market St. Akron, Ohio 44303

September 14, 2016

4:15PM

AGENDA

4:18pm: Board meeting called to order.

Board Members in Attendance

Nadir Akbar
Kathi Brand
Ron Demko
Deborah Howell
Jessica Hricovec
Ron McDaniel
Christopher Owens
Maureen Zeigler

Guests in Attendance

Jason McMillin- Fiscal Officer
Karen Wachter- Cambridge
Mansell Baker- Legal Assistant
Christina Fraser- School Director
Susan Scarponi- CSS

Welcome: Board President Ron McDaniel welcomed all Board Members and Guest to the Board Meeting for the Towpath Trail High School at 4:18pm.

Call to Order: President Ron McDaniel asked for introductions of those in attendance.

Agenda

The board reserved the right to amend the agenda as needed.
Motion to approve the agenda by: Kathi Brand Second: Jessica Hricovec
In Favor: All. Motion Carried.

16-62 RESOLVED: The board of directors adopts and approves the meeting agenda of September 14, 2016.

Public Comment: No Public Comment given

Standard Business

1. Approval of minutes

Board President motions to approve the July 13, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes.

Member Jessica Hricovec. Second: Member Nadir Akbar .

In Favor: All. Motion Carried.

16-63 RESOLVED: The board of directors approves the meeting minutes for the July 13, 2016 Board Meeting.

Board President motions to approve the August 10, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes.

Member Maureen Zeigler. Second: Member Kathi Brand.

In Favor: All. Motion Carried.

16-64 RESOLVED: The board of directors approves the meeting minutes for the August 10, 2016 Board Meeting.

2. Legal Update – Legal report given by the board president at the Board Counsel’s request.

April Hart is working with Cambridge’s Contract for EMG. It was suggested that the contract be adjusted to reflect the maximum amount so that the cost does not exceed the set amount of the agreement.

3. Sponsor Update- Susan Scarponi-CSS

Ms. Scarponi personally thanked the school on submitted all 300 plus items to ODE. The sponsor performance review will be forthcoming with Towpath Hs. Review was last Friday per the School Director. Audit went well. If you want to add a new member you cannot vote on them until they get an approval letter from the sponsor. Sponsor reminded the Board that October 31* is the deadline for submittals of the school forecast, Annual Report, and Educational Directory Systems. The Sponsor would like all schools to update the information. Webinars are available for all to view via sponsor connection.

4. State of the School Report –Christina Fraser (Director)

Ms. Fraser, Towpath High School’s administrator reported on the following items and presented highlights for the month of September.

- 40 academic credits offered.
- School Attendance is currently at 36%.
- 271 students enrolled. 9 new students enrolled today.
- Through Minority Behavioral Health Group.
- September 29th will begin the sessions addressing, health, making good choices.

5. Financial Report –Jason McMillin- Fiscal Officer

The fiscal officer provided the financial report for the month of August. Mr. Weber Summer months still being funded by the previous FTE's. The Board was informed that cash position did go down because of the other building purchase. ODE has a new format for school budgets. We will conform to their requirements. 2017 Title allocations are out. FY2016 monies are spent. FTE adjustment related to last year will be reflected in the financials. Started to receive progress bills around 100,000 from the contractors and architect for other building. Invoices will be processed and schools will be reimbursed.

Discussion: Board expressed concern regarding taxes and the approval of the Forecast and Annual Budget for the FY16 school year. The Board would like to see these reports by next Board meeting to review and adopt.

Motion to accept report for the September month financials subject to audit by: Member Jessica Hricovec. Second: Member Rob Demko

In Favor: All. Motion Carried.

16-65 RESOLVED: The board of directors approves the September 2016 financial report as on file for Towpath High School and subject to audit.

6. Management Report

Curriculum meetings being conducted. ALL director training held to keep up with laws and career tech program. Boot Camp and Lead Studio being held tomorrow. Updates on upcoming law summit on October 3rd. Management representatives visited the facility recently and it looks great.

Discussion: (NJ Akbar) Change vendor name from Frederick's Catering to Innovation Foods, the Management Company will make the necessary changes.

Old Business

A. Election of Officers

The Board President opened the floor for nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary.

President – The board of directors elects Ron McDaniel to the office of board president for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until his earlier resignation. Ron McDaniel accepts the nomination.

Nominated by: Member Rob Demko. Second: Member Jessica Hricovec.

In Favor: Members All. Motion Carried.

16-66 RESOLVED: The board of directors approves Ron McDaniel to the office of board president for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until his earlier resignation.

Board Vice President – The board of directors elects Nadir Akbar to the office of board vice president for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until his earlier resignation. Nadir Akbar accepts the nomination. Nominated by: Member Ron McDaniel. Second: Member Jessica Hricovec.

In Favor: Members All. Motion Carried.

16-67 RESOLVED: The board of directors approves Nadir Akbar to the office of board vice president for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until his earlier resignation.

Secretary - The board of directors elects Maureen Ziegler to the office of Board Secretary for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until her earlier resignation. Maureen Ziegler accepts the nomination.

Nominated by: Member Kathi Brand. Second: Member Jessica Hricovec.

In Favor: Members All. Motion Carried.

16-68 RESOLVED: The board of directors approves Maureen Ziegler to the office of board secretary for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until her earlier resignation.

Treasurer - The board of directors acknowledges Jason McMillin of Massa Financial Services to the office of board treasurer for a two year term extending from 2016 to 2018 or until his earlier resignation. Jason McMillin will serve as the Fiscal Officer for Towpath High School Board of Directors and he has met all state guidelines to serve in the capacity of Treasurer.

*(Contract agreement between the Fiscal Officer and the Towpath Board of Directors is on file)

B. Board Roles and Responsibilities:

The discussion of Board descriptions will table until next meeting.

New Business:

Board wished to discuss the meeting calendar at the next board meeting.

Reminder of Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2016 @4pm @ Towpath HS School

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by: Member Nadir Akbar Second by: Member Kathi Brand

4:53pm meeting adjourned.

Board Secretary (Attest)

