

Towpath Trail High School
Board Meeting Minutes
June 13, 2018

Board Members in Attendance

Ron McDaniel
Angela Robinson
Jessica Hricovec
Kathi Brand

Guests in Attendance

Jason McMillin - Fiscal Officer
Brian Vannest - Director
John Stack – Cambridge
Karen Wachter - Cambridge
Susan Scarponi- CSS
April Hart – Legal Counsel
Kelly Spring - Legal Assistant

The Towpath Trail High School Board Director’s Committee Meeting began at 4:21pm with introductions and updates.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Board Meeting:

The Board of Director’s Meeting officially began at 4:22pm with the arrival of Kathi Brand.

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

A Motion was made by Angela Robinson and Second by Jessica Hricovec respectively to adopt the agenda with noted changes and the ability to amend throughout the meeting as applicable.

18-35 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors adopts and approves the meeting agenda with noted changes and the ability to amend as needed.

Meeting Minutes:

May Meeting Minutes:

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

18-36 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approved the March Meeting Minutes as presented.

Legal Update:

Ms. Hart indicated that she needed Mr. Devlin’s address to complete the paperwork for the Sponsor compliance documentation. Ms. Brand provided the address requested. She requested a Sponsor Contract resolution for 5-year period.

Sponsor Report:

Ms. Scarponi highlighted the Sponsor Connection. There is an article from Ron Adler rebutting the editorial regarding charter schools taking money from public schools. The Sponsor is beginning opening assurance reviews. Ms. Scarponi will be the contact for Towpath opening assurances. There is a discussion in the Connection about BCI/FBI checks and updating checks. Mr. McDaniel requested information on board members to be appointed to both Towpath and Middlebury boards. The board discussed the process. Ms. Hart provided information about the process. Ms. Scarponi encouraged members to read the Sponsor Connection for the detailed process on appointing new members.

State of the School Report:

Mr. Vannest presented the State of the School. The enrollment is 429 for both schools. The schools have 43.5% and 58% attendance rates. There will be between 50-55 graduates. The schools held a staff and graduate bowling event. There was a career fair last month. The East Campus held a STEM scavenger hunt. The East Campus hired a social worker and intervention specialist to continue meeting the needs of the children.

Financial Report:

Mr. McMillian presented the May Financials. FTEs are continuing to exceed budget. The school is ahead of budget. Vendor payments are current and cash balance has grown. He has set up a meeting with Westfield Bank to discuss investment in the satellite campus.

There was a Motion and a Second by Angela Robinson and Kathi Brand respectively to approve the May financials as presented, subject to audit.

18-37 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail High School approves the May financials as presented, subject to audit.

Management Report

Ms. Watcher discussed the Management Report. The graduation ceremony is Monday at the Akron Public Library at 6pm. The FTE audit is complete and it was perfect. The application to maintain DOP status will be completed and sent to Sponsor.

Mr. Stack discussed the DOP status changes. Cambridge has been meeting with government leaders to discuss the issues with the suggested changes. He believes Towpath may be able to apply for a waiver for the new requirements.

New Business:

Sponsor Agreement

There was a Motion by Angela Robinson and Jessica Hricovec respectively to approve the Sponsor Agreement with St. Aloysius for a five year period at a rate of 3%.

18-38 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of Towpath Trail High School approves approve the Sponsor Agreement with St. Aloysius for a five year period at a rate of 3%.

Lunch Provider Agreement

There was a Motion by Angela Robinson and Jessica Hricovec respectively to approve the Agreement with Innovation Foods to serve as the meal provider for the 2018-2019 academic year at a rate not to exceed \$1.70 per breakfast and \$2.99 per lunch.

18-39 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors of Towpath Trail High School approves the Agreement with Innovation Foods to serve as the meal provider for the 2018-2019 academic year at a rate not to exceed \$1.70 per breakfast and \$2.99 per lunch.

Board Combination Meeting:

Mr. McDaniel discussed the combination of Middlebury and Towpath meetings on the Towpath meeting date, the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Towpath Trail.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday July 11th, 2018 at 4:15pm at Towpath High School, 275 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio 44303

Motion to Adjourn: There was a motion by Angela Robinson and seconded by Jessica Hricovec to adjourn the meeting at 4:48pm.

Board Secretary

Towpath Trail High School
