

Towpath Trail
Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018

Board Members in Attendance

Ron McDaniel
Rob Demko
Kathi Brand
Patricia Beals
Matt Devlin
Jessica Hricovec

Guests in Attendance

Karen Wachter - Oakmont
John Stack - Oakmont
Jason McMillian - MFS
Christina Fraser - Towpath
April Hart – legal counsel
Kelly Spring – legal assistant

The Towpath Trail Board of Director’s Meeting began at 4:18pm with introductions and updates.

Public Comment: Public comment was given by guests.

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

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

18-40 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors adopts and approves the meeting Agenda with ability to update as needed.

Meeting Minutes:

A Motion and Second to accept the June Board Meeting Minutes was made by Angela Robinson and Kathi Brand respectively.

18-41 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors approved the June Board Meeting Minutes as presented.

Legal Update:

There was no legal update. The issue of nominations will be discussed in New Business

Sponsor Report:

Ms. Burke highlighted the Sponsor Report. She commented on the article for Ms. Fraser commending her excellent work. There is a proposal to begin the school year in Ohio after Labor Day.

State of the School Report:

Ms. Fraser provided the State of the School report. Towpath had 72 graduates in June. 329 is the enrollment for both schools. In-services are being held and a counseling organization will be presenting to the staff to offer services for the students. Teachers will have professional development with Oakmont in Columbus this month.

Financial Report:

Mr. McMillan provide the financial report. June 30, 2018 is the end of the fiscal year. The FTEs are at 352. The cash balance is strong. In August, financials will be reported to the State. Mr. McMillian is still working on a meeting with Westfield for the investment in the satellite building.

There was a Motion and a second by Kathi Brand and Matt Devlin respectively to approve the June financials as presented, subject to audit.

18-42 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors for Towpath approves the June financial report as presented, subject to financial audit.

Management Report:

Ms. Watcher presented the Management Report. The satellite buildout has started with demolition, but the school is waiting on permits to start the building. The staff attended a retreat with Oakmont. Towpath earned the School of the Year award. Senate Bill 216 reduced the number to drop a student to 72 hours. There will be a focus on professional development to catch children who have missed 16 days of schools.

Mr. Stack provided additional information about the regulation changes from the State regarding DOP schools. Oakmont is requesting board members advocate on behalf of the schools. ODE must response to each request they receive regarding the changes.

New Business:

The board noted the following potential members for Towpath Trail:

Owen Spait
Janice Baumann
Patricia Beals

Executive Session:

There was recommendation that legal matters needed to be discussed in an executive session. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 121.22, there was a Motion and a Second by Kathi Brand and Jessica Hricovec respectively to enter an executive session. The board completed a roll call and went into executive session at 5:13pm.

18-43 RESOLVED: The Board of Directors for Towpath approves an executive session to discuss legal matters.

The board returned from executive session at 5:19pm and resumed the meeting. During executive session the board members discussed legal matters regarding contracts.

Next Meeting Date: August 8, 2018 at 4:15pm at Towpath Trail High School, 275 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio

Motion to Adjourn: There was a motion by Angela Robinson and seconded by Matt Devlin to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm.

Board Secretary

Towpath Trail
