

Towpath Trail
Board Meeting Minutes
December 7th, 2018

Board Members in Attendance

Ron McDaniel
Matthew Devlin
Kathi Brand
Owen Spaite
Angela Robinson
Jessica Hricovec
Janice Baumann
Michele Fort

Guests in Attendance

LaShawn Terrell - CSS
Karen Wachter - Oakmont
Jason McMillian - MFS
Paulette Hare – Oakmont
Christina Fraser – Towpath
John Stack - Oakmont
April Hart – Legal counsel
Brian Spring – Legal assistant
Brian Vannest – Towpath East

BOARD MEETING

The Towpath Trail Board of Director's Meeting began at 3:03pm with introductions and updates.

Public Comment: No Public comment was given by guests.

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

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

18-78 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 October Board Meeting Minutes was made by Angela Robinson and Owen Spaite respectively to approve the meeting minutes from November's meeting.

18-79 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors approved the November Board Meeting Minutes as presented.*

Legal Update:

Ms Hart presented the legal update. Ms. Hart discussed all compliance documents are in. Coming up there will be Senate testimony hearing about the laws from the ODE. These are the laws that are overreaching and will have a chance to speak/testify.

Sponsor Report:

Ms. Wachter presented the Sponsor report. She stated the Sponsor connection was working to improve. Also the distance learning webinar has opportunities for K-12 schools. The At-a-glance report has no changes to the OIP. The board will continue to ask questions to the OIP. Dec 10th at Ashland University there will be an event with CSS for deconstructing learning standards.

State of the School Report:

Enrollment is 280. There were 6 graduated this FALL 2018 year. November the school met its credits earned goal. The priority Plan has been submitted. OIP plans are ready to go. Towpath satellite has 181 enrolled. They have hired some teachers. The building is coming along nicely.

Financial Report:

Mr. McMillan provide the financial report. Cash position remains strong for the school.

FTE's had a significant jump

The CASH Balance continues to grow.

A Motion and Second to accept the financial report was made by Angela Robinson and Matt Devlin respectively, subject to financial audit.

18-80 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail approves the November financial report as presented, subject to financial audit.*

Management Report:

The Towpath Management report was given. The management team stated that professional development is ongoing and there was an offer made to a Construction Teacher. There was also a healthcare position still being offered. The school improvement plans are sticking with the OIP plans.

New Business:

School Quality Improvement Grant:

There was a discussion involving the School Quality Improvement Grant.

A Motion and Second was made by Owen Spaite and Matt Devlin respectively to accept and acknowledge the School quality improvement grant as presented

18-81 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail approves the School quality improvement grant as presented*

There was a discussion to approve the submission as well.

A Motion and Second was made by Angela Robinson and Kathi Brand respectively to approve the submission of the School quality improvement plans as presented

18-82 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail approves the submission of the School quality improvement plans as presented*

Student Residency Verification Policy:

There was a discussion on the Student Residency Verification Policy.

A Motion and Second was made by Angela Robinson and Kathi Brand respectively to Re-approve the updated Student Residency Verification Policy as required by the sponsor.

18-83 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail Re-approves the updated Student Residency Verification Policy as required by the sponsor.*

Construction Company:

There was a discussion around the changes of construction companies

A Motion and Second was made by Jessica Hricovec and Owen Spaitte respectively to approve the change order costs to TOBER CONSTRUCTION for Towpath Satellite from \$425,000 to \$449,000

18-84 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail approves the change order costs to TOBER CONSTRUCTION for Towpath Satellite from \$425,000 to \$449,000*

HVAC UNIT:

There was a discussion to approve the replacement HVAC unit

A Motion and Second was made by Jessica Hricovec and Angela Robinson respectively to approve the replacement HVAC unit at Towpath Main Campus in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.

18-85 RESOLVED: *The Board of Directors for Towpath Trail approves the replacement of the HVAC unit at Towpath Main Campus in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.*

Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on January 9th, 2019 at 4:15pm at Towpath 275 W Market St, Akron, OH 44303

Motion to Adjourn: There was a motion by Jessica Hricovec and seconded by Angela Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 3:28pm.

Board Secretary

Towpath Trail
