



BOARD MEETING

401 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601

MINUTES

Monday, December 20, 2018

IN ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Robert Jefferson; Joseph Amprey; Anthony Montemurro; Robert S. Natalini (via telephone)

Officers present: Angel Figueroa (CEO/COO); Angelo Romaniello (Chief Academic Officer/Principal)

Other staff present: Tania Dobronsky (Business Manager) (via telephone); Aurora Miller

Also present: Jeremy Long, Reading Eagle; Chris Celmer, Reading School District; Jesse Leisawitz, Reading School District

Meeting was convened at 1:00 p.m.

1. Opening Items

Mr. Montemurro noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Montemurro noted that public notices were posted as required; Board is in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.01 Action to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018, meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

3.02 Action to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2018, executive session -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

3.03 Action to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2018, special meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

3.04 Action to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2018, executive session -- MOTION by Dr. Amprey to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

4. Financial

Ms. Dobronsky presented the financial report. The following documents were reviewed and discussed.

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position for the period ending November 30, 2018.

Unaudited Statement of Activities for the period ending November 30, 2018.

Check Registers for the period ending November 30, 2018.

Debit Registers for the period ending November 30, 2018.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolutions 4.01.01 through 4.01.04 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

4.01.01 To accept the Financial Report.

4.01.02 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Financial Position for the period ending November 30, 2018.

4.01.03 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Activities for the period ending November 30, 2018.

4.01.04 To approve the payments set forth in the attached Check and Debit Registers for the period ending November 30, 2018.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

5. Report of the Chief Executive/Operating Officer

Mr. Figueroa, assisted by Dr. Romaniello, then reported to the Board. Mr. Figueroa directed the Board's attention to recent homicides of young people in Reading and addressed steps the school has taken to help learners dealing with the sad events. He then discussed a recent breakfast event among faith based organizations, which was sponsored by the I-LEAD Civic society and is intended to become an annual event, and he explained that Berks County Commissioner Christian Leinbach was presented an award at the event. Mr. Jefferson inquired about the I-LEAD Civic Society, and Mr. Figueroa explained that it is an initiative of I-LEAD, Inc. that will provide leadership development training to parents and community members.

Dr. Romaniello then informed the Board that the mid-year MAP assessment had just ended, and he reviewed with the Board that the MAP is used to measure learners' academic growth. He reported that over 80% of learners showed expected or better-than-expected growth in math, science, and language arts over the previous assessment and explained that their performance is especially notable given that 181 of the 391 who were assessed are ESL learners. He further reviewed that the assessment identifies learners' academic strengths and deficiencies so that class placement and instruction can be tailored to their needs. He next explained that ILCS, which was previously a priority school, has been recategorized as a CSI school, which brings certain funding under Title I and Title III, and he noted that the school's comprehensive plan and improvement plan will be revised accordingly and presented to the Board for approval. He then discussed with the Board hunger relief efforts recently undertaken by school staff. He then informed the Board about a learner-planned assembly related to suicide- and bullying-prevention and expressed that the learners involved are to be highly commended. Finally, he reviewed certain aspects of the academic calendar through January, including the Keystone assessments that will be conducted during that month.

Mr. Figueroa then informed the Board that Reading School District personnel would visit the school on January 17. Mr. Figueroa then explained that the school is working with I-LEAD, Inc. to submit a grant application for the dental assistant program. Finally, he reported on efforts underway to re-establish a relationship with the Reading/Muhlenberg Vocational School, with a view toward working together to create additional career paths for learners.

6. Administrative/Operations/Legal

No matters were presented.

At 1:47 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session to discuss matters related to the terms and conditions of employment of certain public employees.

The Executive Session ended at 1:49 p.m., whereupon the open meeting resumed.

7. Personnel

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adopt resolutions 7.01.01 and 7.01.02 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

7.01.01 To approve the hiring of Debra Isenberg as a Learning Facilitator at an annual salary of \$38,900.

7.01.02 To acknowledge the resignation of James Sands, Learning Facilitator, effective December 7, 2018.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

8. New Business

There was no new business.

9. Adjournment

MOTION by Dr. Amprey to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert S. Natalini, Secretary