Wayne Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting

    October 19, 2021

At 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, the Wayne Preparatory Board of Directors met for a regularly scheduled meeting. In attendance were Board members Amanda Wells, Tommy King (by phone/video), and Scott Mackey. In addition to the board members, there were eight administration, staff, and parents present.

l. OPENING

1. Welcome and Come to Order was made by Amanda Wells
2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest —Scott Mackey read the Board's notification of conflicts of Interest statement as follows: Board members are reminded that it is our duty to avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts of interest as we handle the work of the Board. Does any member of the Board know of any conflict of interest or any appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before us at this meeting? If so, please state them for the record. If during the course of the meeting you become aware of an actual or apparent conflict of interest, please bring the matter to the attention of the Chair. It will then be your duty to abstain from participating in discussion on the matter and from voting on the matter. All Board members replied they had no conflicts of interest.
3. A Motion to Approve the Agenda as Business Order of the Day and to discuss the Agenda out of order was made by Scott Mackey and seconded by Tommy King. The Motion passed unanimously.
4. A Motion to Approve revised November 23, 2020, December 14, 2020, and September 21, 2021, open and closed minutes was made by Scott Mackey and seconded by Tommy King. The Motion passed unanimously.

ll. NEW BUSINESS (None this meeting)

III. ACADEMICS

1. Ms. Smith provided a testing update to include state and national data. They are continuing to have intervention groups at the Elementary to assist with bridging the gaps. There is concern for 2nd and 3rd grade and how much core information they may have missed. Mr. Smith is working with the teachers as is the math coach.
2. Mr. Twitty advised the Board that they do not have enough time to do the training on the new curriculum purchased so would like to have one day a month of workdays/wellness days to allow staff training time. The Board suggested coming up with a proposal to present at the next meeting. They will purchase additional curriculum as needed. Mr. Twitty also indicated they are hiring five tutors for the Elementary and Middle School to work 20 hours a week for 25 works with the scholars.
3. Ms. Wells advised that they plan to restart concession stand during basketball games.
4. Ms. Schuler advised the Board of her concern for ongoing tardies and early dismissals. This interrupts instructional time. There has also been some issues with on campus vandalism based on tick tock challenges and we need to consider revising the vandalism policy. High School has Spirit Week coming up. The Pre-ACT is coming up. They are in the process of setting up clubs to meet on Fridays for 35-45 minutes. SGA elections will also be upcoming. They are also looking into the National Honor Society.
5. Mr. Twitty discussed our most up to date enrollment is 919. We are seeing high school withdrawals. We discussed how this would affect the budget and the fact that the legislature still has not made a decision yet on the budget or how we will determine the basis of the budget. Mr. Twitty advised we are supposed to be recouping some funds from the SOS contract and we should be getting that in installments, but the State Board has not approved it yet.

IV.  FINANCE

1. Katherine Barrett from BB&T/Truist was present to discuss account resolutions for WPA’s accounts. The proposal is to remove any previous Board members from access/responsibilities for the accounts. The Resolution will allow Ms. Wells, Mr. Mackey and Mr. Twitty have check signing capabilities. The documents need to be amended to reflect this. Motion to approve the Amendment to the Truist Resolution was made by Scott Mackey and seconded by Tommy King. The Motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS (None this meeting)

VI. OPERATIONS

1. Mr. Potts was present to provide an update on the High School construction. All plumbing rough ins are completed, and they have footings for the entire building. They are continuing to pour the concrete slabs. Projected completion date is July 22, 2022. Someone needs to approve colors and interior decisions. The Board decide to allow Ms. Wells and Mr. Twitty to do this. They are working on a quote to extend the water line to connect to the existing one. There will likely be some change in this cost than what was originally quoted. We have a $75k contingency fund and to date none of this has been used. Mr. Potts also presented some quotes for gym equipment from Learning Environments to include scoreboards, basketball hoops, volleyball equipment and bleachers. We need 90-day lead time. Mr. Twitty will have Coach Wright obtain some quotes as well to compare. Mr. Mackey requested an itemized budget.
2. Ms. Wells advised that the Community Relations Committee was planning to meet on Thursday @ 6:00 p.m. to discussing the Prom.
3. Mr. Twitty recommended to the Board that we continue requiring students and staff to wear masks. Motion to Approve continuing wearing of masks for all scholars and staff through November was made by Tommy King and seconded by Scott Mackey. The Motion passed unanimously.
4. Website (Not reached)

VII. CLOSED SESSION (None)

VIII. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION (None)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m. without motion as not enough Board members were present at this time.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

**Amanda M. Wells, WPA Board Chair**