Wayne Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Meeting

    June 7, 2021

At 5:30 P.M. on Monday, June 7, 2021, the Wayne Preparatory Board of Directors met for a regularly scheduled meeting. In attendance were Board members Amanda Wells, Tommy King, Lou Rose, and Charles Gaylor.  In addition to the board members, there were 15 administration, staff, and parents present.

l. OPENING—Amanda Wells

1. Welcome and Come to Order was made by Amanda Wells
2. Notification of Conflicts of Interest —Tommy King 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. Motion to Approve the Agenda as Business Order of the Day was made by Charles Gaylor and seconded by Lou Rose. The Motion passed unanimously.
4. Motion to Approve open and closed August 3, 2020, minutes was made by Tommy King and seconded by Lou Rose. The Motion pass unanimously.

ll. NEW BUSINESS

* 1. Mr. Moore provided a presentation on Youth Sports for WPA to the Board. The proposal is for K-5. WPA would be partnering with Parks & Rec with WPA listed on the shirts. Children outside WPA would be allowed. The intent is to offer basketball, baseball, softball, and flag football. Background checks would be done through Parks & Rec and we would use their fields and equipment to. They are proposing to charge $55/player. Mr. Barfield discussing having the Booster Club help cover costs and verified that have insurance to cover the sport.

III. ACADEMICS

1. Ms. Smith provided a presentation on I-Ready Diagnostics/data. She pulled mid-year to date. were completed and will provide the Board with a presentation. Elementary Reading scores stay about the same. Ms. Schuler discussing they were looking into programs and resources to use for the upcoming school year such as a passing guide, phonics training and collaborative groupings. They are looking to into pulling students for intervention time. Ms. Thomas, Ms. Schuler and Ms. Smith plan to meet over the summer and hope to have a plan by July.
2. The Board and Mr. Twitty discussing we have not heard from our neighboring church on whether we can rent space for the high school. We are continuing to explore our options.
3. Mr. Twitty presented the proposed upcoming academics calendar. The proposed start date is August 23rd. The calendar includes Open House dates, but these could change. Given the current status of the pandemic and the need to catch scholars up, no early release/MEP is proposed for the 2021-2022 academic year. The high school schedule may be adjusted for them to come in later and their times of instruction depending on the location. Motion to Approve the 2021-2022 academic calendar as discussed with possible substitution of times was made by Charles Gaylor and seconded by Tommy King. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV.  FINANCE : Ms. Barber advised we have $470k in State Funds to use before June 30th. They would like to purchase Lab tables at a cost of $10,700 and white boards at a cost of $8,500. In addition, they proposing purchasing additional technology which would cost $20,100, replacing the water fountains to make them more COVID compliant at a cost of $13,000, and storage rental needed at a cost of $10,400. The proposed bathroom renovations by Jackson are $97,000 requiring 95% deposit. We discussed the need to repair the room on the elementary school and are looking into whether we have any warranty. A program for Duke to address lighting in the middle school parking lot was discussed. Mr. Barber also presented a quote for playground equipment and fencing. Additional high school materials were also discussed. A Motion to approve the contracts for purchase of services through Jackson Builders, Seegars and $10,500 Quality Equipment, Wayne Electric (lights) and Creative Playscapes was made by Charles Gaylor and seconded by Lou Rose. The Motion passed unanimously. A Motion to approved the purchase of lab tables, white boards, additional technology, fountains and storage containers as discussed was made by Lou Rose and seconded by Charles Gaylor. The Motion passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Lawsuit Updated (Closed Session)

VI. OPERATIONS

1. Ms. Rose and Mr. Gaylor after coming out of closed session noted that they are continuing to explore Maxwell Center and Wayne Community as an option for the high school, but the hours are limited. The Board discussed whether we could use both campuses.
2. Mr. Twitty proposed summer hours for the administration to be 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday. Motion to approve summer hours of 9-1 Monday through Thursday was made by Tommy King and seconded by Charles Gaylor. The Motion passed unanimously.

Prior to going into Closed Session, a parent B. Dixon asked to address the Board. Ms. Dixon had not requested to be on the agenda, but the Board allowed her to briefly address the Board. She mentioned concerns about obtaining EOG scores. Ms. Smith discussed this with her. She also presented some general questions/concerns to include how the scholars are going to be challenged in the coming year, Math I for 8th graders, code of ethics/dress code, communications, Beta Club and emails with coaches.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss matters that are privileged and confidential under state or federal law, to discuss matters that are protected under attorney-client privilege, and to discuss personnel matters was made by Tommy King and seconded by Lou Rose.  The Motion was passed unanimously.

At 7:47 p.m., Charles Gaylor made a motion to return to Open Session. Lou Rose seconded.  The Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. MOTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION (None)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to Adjourn was made by Charles Gaylor and seconded by Tommy King at 7:56 p.m.  The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board has ongoing business regarding the state funds and will meet on June 8 at 2:00 p.m. virtually.

Strategic Planning Meeting will take place on June 17th from 3-7 p.m.

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