

**CITY ON A HILL CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 4, 2009**

At City on a Hill Charter Public School, 58 Circuit St, Roxbury

Present: Lee Delaney, Michael Grossman, Erica Jamison-Brown, Bobbie Knable, Stephen Kraus, Robert Mazzarella, Kevin Mohan, Ginger Parker, Ryan Thornton

Absent: Joe Cali, David Lane, Maurice Wright

Chairman Robert Mazzarella called the meeting to order at 6:17 p.m.

Board Updates and Votes

Chairman Mazzarella announced Mr. Joseph Cali's resignation from the Board, effective June 30, 2009. Additionally, Mr. David Lane has reached his term limits.

Mr. Kevin Mohan formally congratulated Ms. Brooke Fincke on winning the 2009 MASCA Rising Star Award on behalf of the Board.

Moved to approve the minutes for the meeting held in April; seconded and carried with one abstention.

Chairman Mazzarella announced that he is aiming for Saturday, July 11th for the Board's Summer Retreat. The Board Meeting dates for the 2009-2010 school year will be October 19, 2009, December 7, 2009, February 8, 2010, April 5, 2010 and May 10, 2010.

Insurance Coverage/Updates

Mr. Chris Schenck from Knapp, Schenck & Co. presented on City on a Hill's current insurance coverage. Potential changes include an increase in the deductible in order to reduce overall cost and an elimination in what may unnecessary coverage for the Board of Trustees.

School Council

Laura Thompson, Co-Chair of the Parent Council, presented on the School Council, to be implemented in the fall of 2009. This group is made up of parents, community members, students and faculty and staff. A representative from this group will be presenting at future Board Meetings on topics relevant to the board meeting discussions.

Trustees

Vote in slate of officers:

Moved to re-elect Robert Mazzarella as Chair; seconded and carried with one abstention.

Moved to re-elect Bobbie Knable as Vice Chair; seconded and carried with one abstention.

Moved to elect Ryan Thornton as Treasurer; seconded and carried with one abstention.

Moved to permit a one-year override of the term limits for Stephen Kraus; seconded and carried with one abstention.

Mr. Kraus updated the Board on the potential new Board Members. Moved to approve the job description; seconded and carried unanimously. The Board will hold off electing new trustees to first meeting of next year. At this point, the Trustees Committee has reached out to five individuals, three are interested, and one has been in to the School.

Development Report

Mr. Michael Grossman presented the Development Report. There is still a \$104K fundraising shortage from foundations and operating grants, but we are on track with individuals and tutorial. Mr. Grossman gave an update on this year's Gala. We have sold 14 individual tables, which is significantly higher than previous years, but have secured fewer corporate sponsorships. This year, there will be fewer auction items, and more of a focus on the fund-a-need.

Finance Report

Mr. Mazzarella presented the Finance Report. There were three versions of the budget being presented: the April Draft, the May Implementation, and the May Trigger. The May Implementation includes \$95K of additional Title I ARRA funds. The May Trigger accounts for \$13,168 tuition per pupil rather than the \$11,882 tuition amount used the prior two budgets. Discussion ensued.

The Board agreed to vote on the May Implementation Budget and to call an emergency Board Meeting if and when the increase in tuition becomes official.

Moved to approve the May Implementation Budget; seconded and carried unanimously.

Accountability Plan

Ms. Jamison-Brown presented the draft of the accountability plan, asking for the Board to approve draft, knowing that the DOE may or may not approve this draft. Discussion ensued.

The Board decided to vote on a tentative approval of the draft so that Ms. Jamison-Brown can apply for charter renewal. Moved to approve motion; seconded and carried unanimously.

The accountability plan will again be discussed at the Board Retreat in July. It will be presented to the DOE in August and the final version will be voted on by the Board at the October 2010 Board Meeting.