

HARPSWELL COASTAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 27, 2017

8 Leavitt Drive, Brunswick

4:30-6:30

Minutes

Board Members in Attendance:

Sally Mackenzie, Chair
Dave Eldridge, Treasurer
Sharon Whitney, Secretary
Eileen Horner
Nancy Andersen
Dave Jean

Board Members Absent:

Ed Harris, Vice Chair
Cynthia Shelmerdine

Non-Voting Board Members Present

John D'Anieri, Head of School

Administration:

Andrew Smaha, Finance Director

Public:

Tameka Beattie
Jasmine Folk

I. Welcome and Call the Meeting to Order:

Sally Mackenzie called the meeting to order at 4:30.

Consent Agenda:

The Board unanimously **voted** to pass the items on the Consent Agenda. The minutes of May 17 were amended to include Eileen as attending the meeting. (See minutes of May 17, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.)

Enrollment Update:

204 students are enrolled at this point

The board decided to change the order of business to facilitate public comment.

II. Public Comment:

Sally congratulated two HCA students, Tameka Beattie and Jasmine Folk for taking the time and energy to come to the board on behalf of themselves and their fellow students to share their opinions and feelings about the loss of one of their teachers Ms. McKenna. Sally also expressed her appreciation of the two letters submitted to the board and signed by many members of the student body.

Sally explained that we are a policy making board. We hire the head of school and he/she makes staffing decisions. Additionally, there is a procedure in place where by faculty can talk with the board about contracting concerns. In this instance, the decision lies with the administrators of the school.

III. Finance Committee (budget for FY/SY 2017-2018 attached):

Dave Eldridge and Andrew presented the budget for discussion. After the discussion Eileen moved that we accept the compressed budget. It was seconded by Dave. The board **voted** unanimously to accept the motion.

IV. Reports to the Charter Commission:

The board reviewed the reports and offered suggestions and comments. Going forward HCA will be rewriting performance indicators to show how project based education does what it does. We also need to find schools with a population that is similar to HCA for comparison and insight.

V. Farewell to John and Dave Eldridge:

The board accepted the resignation of Dave Eldridge. Thank you for the clarity you brought to our financial organization, your service on the Board of Directors and for your sense of humor.

John will be moving on from his position as head of school. We will miss him terribly and are thankful he is available for consultation and support as HCA moves toward our new charter.

John, thank you for all you have done for HCA.

VI. Adjourn

At 6:30 Eileen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nancy seconded the motion and the Board **voted** unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Whitney, Secretary

Approved September 20, 2017