

Sussex Academy
Executive Board of Directors
Virtual Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Lauren Wisely, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lauren Wisely, Chris Moody, Heather Applegate, Steve Burke, Precious Benson, Patches Hill, Uday Jani, Sara Messina, Darlene O'Neill, and Chris Schell (left 5:00 pm)

Staff Present: Eric M. Anderson, Head of School, Gina Derrickson, Director of Development, Duncan Smith, Chief Operating Officer, Franny Silcott, Director of Human Resources, and Andrea Rogers, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent: Marty Cosgrove, Todd Hickman and Lance Manlove

Visitors: Jennifer Scott, President PTA Elementary School

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Uday Jani to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2021 Executive Board meeting. Steven Burke seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

AGENDA CHANGE

Old Business – Child Protection Policy will not be reviewed at tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Eric Anderson reported on Events:

End of Year wrap up June 15, 2021

Events:

May 25 - High School NHS Induction Ceremony

June 1 - Sports Awards Ceremony

June 1 - Athletic College Signing Day – 7 seniors will go on to play their sport in college

June 2 - Graduation practice/Senior Academic Awards

June 11 - Kim Klein, Associate Secretary of Education and Leroy Travers, Head of DOE Charter School Office took a tour of both buildings.

June 6 - End of year to be held with DOE to discuss test scores

June 4 - 5th Annual Commencement @7pm

June 8 - End of Year 8th grade celebration -Bethany Blues food truck and outside hip hop and line dancing

June 8 - Kindergarten celebration

June 9 - 2nd HS vaccination clinic

June 10 - K – 8 last day of school

June 10 - 5th grade Moving Up Ceremony

June 11 - 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony

June 15 - Teacher last day will wrap up with DEI program and end of year cook out

Summer hours for office will be Monday – Thursday 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Closed Fridays

Week of June 28 – July 4 building will be closed

Sussex Academy
Executive Board Meeting
June 16, 2021

End of year communication letter will be going out from Mr. Anderson on June 17 reviewing all milestones for the year, rankings, administrative structure changes and a plan to return to full time instruction in the fall.

MONTHLY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Duncan Smith reported:

A motion was made by Steve Burke to accept the May 31, 2021 Financial Reports as presented. Uday Jani seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

A motion was made by Steve Burke to approve the preliminary FY22 drafted budget. Precious Benson seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

SUSSEX ACADEMY FOUNDATION UPDATE

Gina Derrickson reported:

Capital Fundraiser – Seahawk Soiree will be held at Camp Arrowhead on August 29, 2021, 4pm to 9pm

\$125 pp/\$250 couple

Live Music/Camp Food/Games

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive/Nominating/Succession

No report was presented.

Finance

No report was presented

Outreach

No report was presented

Building & Grounds

No report was presented

Governance (Policy & Legislative)

A motion was made by Heather Applegate to update Policy 101 & 102 to add the elementary school. Precious Benson seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

School Performance Committee

Covered in Executive Session

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19

Eric Anderson reported:

Governor Amendment- staff can be in schools without masks provided there are no students in the building.

Buses will be at full capacity SY21-22

State of Emergency ends 7/13/21

5 days in person learning full capacity SY21-22

NEW BUSINESS

No New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Darlene O'Neill to enter into Executive Session at 4:53 p.m. to discuss SY21-22 board openings. Uday Jani seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Uday Jani to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Chris Moody seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (10-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rogers, Board Secretary