

Sussex Academy
Executive Board of Directors
Virtual Special Meeting
June 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Lauren Wisely, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lauren Wisely, Chris Moody, Heather Applegate, Precious Benson, Steve Burke, Patches Hill, Uday Jani, Lance Manlove, Sara Messina, Chris Schell, and Darlene O’Neill

Staff Present: Eric M. Anderson, Head of School, Duncan Smith, Gina Derrickson, Director of Development, and Andrea Rogers, Board Secretary

Board Members Absent: Marty Cosgrove & Todd Hickman

Staff Absent: Franny Silcott, Director of HR and Duncan Smith, Chief Operating Officer

FINALIZE SY21-22 BOARD MEMBER OPENINGS*

Lauren Wisely reported:

1-Year Board Extensions

Lance Manlove
Heather Applegate
Uday Jani

A motion was made by Precious Benson to offer a 1-year board term extension to Lance Manlove, Heather Applegate and Uday Jani. Chris Schell seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

A motion was made by Uday Jani to offer a 1-year board term extension to Lauren Wisely. Chris Moody seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (10-0-1). Lauren Wisely abstained.

A motion was made by Uday Jani to nominate Chris Moody to elevate from the position of Vice-President to President for SY21-22. Precious Benson seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-1). Chris Moody abstained.

A motion was made by Precious Benson to nominate Patches Hill for Vice-President for SY21-22. Uday Jani seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0-1). Patches Hill abstained.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:17 p.m. Lauren Wisely made a motion to enter into Executive Session to gather more information on voting in new board members. Chris Schell seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

A motion was made by Lauren Wisely to come out of Executive Session at 5:49 pm.

After the discussion in Executive Session, Lauren Wisely wishes to rescind her one-year term and request to return as a Board Member Emeritus.

Steve Burke made a motion to move Lauren Wisely into a Board Member Emeritus position for the SY21-22. Chris Schell seconded; the motion carried. The motion did not pass unanimously (3-4-1)

Voting on 2 New Open Positions – Candidates 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

Lauren Wisely - #1 & #5

Chris Moody - #3 & #5

Lance Manlove - #1 & #5

Chris Schell - #1 & #5

Patches Hill - #1 & #3

Uday Jani - #1 & #3

Precious Benson - #1 & #3

Steve Burke - #1 & #5

Darlene O'Neill - #1 & #3

Heather Applegate – #1 & #3

Sara Messina - #1 & 5

Candidate #1 has been elected.

The outcome was a tie 6 – 6 (#3 & #5)

A motion was made by Chris Moody to elect Candidate #1 as a three-year term board member. Chris Schell seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

Meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rogers, Board Secretary