

Sussex Academy
Executive Board of Directors In Person/Virtual Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Lauren Wisely, Board President, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

Board Members Present: Lauren Wisely, Chris Moody, Patches Hill, Uday Jani, Todd Hickman, and Sara Messina

Board Members Virtual: Precious Benson, Darlene O'Neill, Chris Schell, Steve Burke, and Lance Manlove

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

Board Members Absent: Heather Applegate and Martin Cosgrove

Visitors: Justina Sapna and Erin Perchiniak (Parent/Sub Committee Members)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Moody to accept the minutes of the September 16, 2020 Executive Board meeting. Uday Jani seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Eric Anderson reported:

Sussex Academy is currently into week six of SY21.

All grades have devices and the K-12 model is up and running.

Parent surveys were sent out and results are in regards to how the school is handling remote learning during COVID.

There have been two COVID related positives. DPH was contacted for guidance.

Athletics began on Monday, September 28; games started on October 20.

Clubs are up and running; applications need to be filled out to form/reinstate clubs.

NHS Induction was held last week in a beautiful outdoor ceremony.

Back to School Night was held virtually on October 20 for high school.

Lifetouch fall pictures were taken October 13, 14 & 15.

Longneck and Rehoboth Rotary were able to secure \$11,400 in grant money to purchase instruments for our music program. A press release will be held at a later date.

The SA Elementary PTA held its first virtual meeting on October 13.

Mr. Anderson met with the DE Charter Network and legislators, at the state level, to discuss how things were going for the school.

Sussex Academy
Executive Board Meeting
October 21, 2020

The Diversity, Equity & Inclusion continuing training was held today.

99.1 FM Rehoboth conducted an interview regarding the SY21-22 admissions program.

There will be a Choice Virtual Open House video filmed on November 2 at SAES.

Trailtoberfest event is up and running. <https://trail.sussexacademyfoundation.com/>

Janet Owens gave a report on the testing accountability updates and state changes due to COVID-19.

SGA and Class Officers have been installed.

MONTHLY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

Duncan Smith reported:

A motion was made by Todd Hickman to accept the September 30, 2020 Financial Reports as presented. Patches Hill seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (11-0).

SUSSEX ACADEMY FOUNDATION UPDATE

No report presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive/Nominating/Succession

No report was presented.

Finance

No report was presented.

Outreach

Written report was presented. Next meeting October 7, 2020

Building & Grounds

Written report was presented.

Governance (Policy & Legislative)

Written report was presented.

School Performance Committee

Written report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Update

Eric Anderson gave a presentation that can be viewed on the video recorded minutes.

COVID-19 Update

No new guidance given from state.

NEW BUSINESS

Live Sports Streaming Service

Lance Manlove reported on the feasibility of bringing Live Sports Streaming to SA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:06 p.m. Lauren Wisely announced that the Executive Board would be going into Executive Session pursuant to 29 Delaware Code 10004b(9) regarding legal/personnel issues and would not return to the public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rogers, Board Secretary