



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024

1. Call to Order: D Crockett 18:41.
 - a. Board members present: J Brewer, D Crockett, L Walker, Y Robinson
 - b. Staff Present: M Harris, J Gaulden, R Helms, E Chicka, A Hurley Hughes
 - c. Agenda updated to reflect movement of closed session (#5) to after #8 and Operations.

2. Reading of the Mission Statement: D Crockett

3. *Approval of Minutes from 3.21.24

A motion to approve minutes from 3.21.24 was made by Y Robinson and seconded by J Brewer. Motion carries 4-0.

4. Public Comment: There were zero parents present and no public comment.

5. PTO Report: There was not a PTO report submitted, reminder about the Rhino Reception scheduled for Friday, May 3rd.

6. Principal's Report: NWEA testing has been completed, teachers and staff are preparing the end of the school year, EOC and EOG testing starts May 17th. NJHS induction ceremony will be April 22nd and for future reference, 9th grade can participate in NJHS. RA will be divided into the Upper School and Lower School, closely aligned with the classical model. The BOD had a successful site visit with Jenna Cook, we have had 3 years of compliance with the OCS as well as audits and no complaints to DPI. The wait list as well as numbers continue to grow and paperwork still being submitted for high school.

7. Board Committee Updates:

- a. Finance – Mrs. Walker & Mrs. Helms

*** A motion to approve the 2024-25 budget was made by J Brewer and seconded by Y Robinson. Motion carries 4-0.**

Lisa and Robin discussed how Acadia put the bond refinance numbers into current budget which skews the budget numbers overall, asking them to put those in separately to reflect the accuracy of the budget and show both incoming and outgoing.

- b. Governance- Mr. Kreider- No new business for the governance committee.
- c. Academic- D Crockett

1. **A motion to approve the HS graduation requirements was made by D Crockett and seconded by J Brewer. Motion carries 4-0.** L Walker asked a question regarding the foreign language requirement, the state requires 2 years of a foreign language and some other schools require 3 years of a foreign language for a diploma. She wanted to make sure RA was competitive with other schools on this requirement.

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2. A motion to approve the 9th grade curriculum was made by J Brewer and seconded by L Walker. Motion carries 4-0. See Upper School Registration Guide for courses, important information for registering, schedule, grading scale, and course description.

8. Operations -Mrs. Harris

- a. ***A motion to approve the updated Parent Challenges to Textbooks and Supplementary Instructional Materials policy (Section 2000, #2840) was made by Y Robinson and seconded by J Brewer. The motion carries 4-0.**
- b. *** A motion to approve the updated policy on Student Promotion (Section 3000, #3425) was made by J Brewer and seconded by Y Robinson. The motion carries 4-0.**
- c. ***A motion to approve the one-on-one EC TA was made by J Brewer and seconded by D Crockett. The motion carries 4-0.**
- d. ***A motion to approve the EC TA for HS was made by J Brewer and seconded by Y Robinson. The motion carries 4-0.**

9. Closed Session: ***A motion to enter closed session was made by D Crockett and seconded by J Brewer at 19:21. The motion carries 4-0.**

Closed session: § 143318.11. Closed sessions.

- (a) Permitted Purposes. – It is the policy of this State that closed sessions shall be held only when required to permit a public body to act in the public interest as permitted in this section. A public body may hold a closed session and exclude the public only when a closed session is required:
- (1) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
 - (6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee. General personnel policy issues may not be considered in a closed session. A public body may not consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, appointment, or removal of a member of the public body or another body and may not consider or fill a vacancy among its own membership except in an open meeting. Final action making an appointment or discharge or removal by a public body having final authority for the appointment or discharge or removal shall be taken in an open meeting.
 - (8) To formulate plans by a local board of education relating to emergency response to incidents of school violence or to formulate and adopt the school safety components of school improvement plans by a local board of education or a school improvement team.

***A motion to end closed session at 19:40 was made by J Brewer and seconded by Y Robinson. The motion carries 4-0.**

10. *** A motion was made by J Brewer and seconded by D Crockett to approve the closed session minutes from 3.18.24. The motion carries 4-0.**

11. *** A motion was made by J Brewer and seconded by Y Robinson for the approval of new hires. The motion carries 4-0.**

12. ***A motion to adjourn at 19:45 was made by J Brewer and seconded by L Walker. The motion carries 4-0.**

***Requires Board action**

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