

City Academy Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Members Present: Stephen Foxley, Mary Glauser, Larry Hintze, Walker Kennedy, Taylor Woodbury

Staff Present: Gareth Orr, Sonia Woodbury, Ram Prasad Boppana

Excused: Erik Bengtzen, Nathan Seim, Kelle Smart

Welcome: Walker opened the meeting online at 4:18 p.m. This was a call-in virtual meeting.

Public Comment: none

Financial Report: Prasad reviewed the financial statements and noted the CARES Act funded upgrades to the building. The audit is still being finalized. When the final audited statement is received Prasad will update the balance sheet. Prasad also noted the amortized cost of the new HVAC system is now in the lease payments.

Approval of Minutes: The Board noted their appreciation of the State Charter School Board reviewing our work with the open meeting act and ensuring charter schools are following appropriate procedures. Steve made a motion to approve the September 16 minutes as presented, Mary seconded, and all were in favor. Steve made a motion to approve the September 30 minutes as presented, Larry seconded, and all were in favor.

Strategic Planning: Taylor initiated a strategic planning discussion to continue across several more meetings. Taylor reminded the Board of where we were a year ago with plans to launch our hybrid model of teaching and learning. Fast forward to October 2020, all schools are doing some version of this approached forced by the pandemic. The question now is how to help City Academy differentiate its unique offerings from what everyone is now doing. He reminded the Board that school financial stability is improving, and we are in a good position to formulate our strategic plan for the future. Gareth reminded the Board that post-pandemic the school will need to add a few components of curriculum and staffing back into the budget. Gareth pointed out that a key to the uniqueness of our original hybrid model was our City identity and our work getting students involved in the city and in current issues. Taylor proposed that the next Board meeting be a brain storming session.

ACTION STEP: Taylor asked all Board members to consider the questions -

What is our value proposition to parents and to students for Fall 2021?

What will students and parents be looking for from a schooling standpoint coming out of the pandemic?

Adjournment: Larry made a motion to close the meeting, Steve seconded, and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

DATED the 21st day of October, 2020 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

By: Sonia Woodbury

APPROVED the 18th day of November, 2020 CITY ACADEMY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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