

GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20 @ 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Therese Arsenault, Beth Berliner, Allison Thoreson Bhusri, Sapna Boze, Laura D'Amato Contreras, Amy Joseph, Lisa Kirkland, Annie Klebahn, Sharon Olken, Jackie Quella, Adina Safer, Sue Schultes, Laura Spivy, Phil Susser, Valerie Toler, Jennifer Tulley, Aaron White, Julie Wise

Board Members Excused:

Sharon Gillenwater, Deundra Hundon, Susan Masto, Joyce McMinn, Will Parish, Suzanne Schutte, Briana Zelaya

Board Members Not Present:

Cynthia Billups, David Booth, Felix Chinchilla,

Also present:

Chris Hero, Anna Heidinger, Megan Orciari, Danielle Ciccarelli

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Approval of Minutes from April 22, 2015

Jennifer Tulley called the meeting to order at 5:07pm. Lisa moved to approve the minutes for the 4/22/15 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved without issue.

2. Public Forum

Jennifer opened the floor for the public forum. No further discussions or motions were introduced.

3. ED Report (Info)

Jennifer gave the floor to Sharon, who presented the ED Report.

- a.) GMS and GHS admissions report - Sharon presented a summary of the 2015, 6th and 9th grade admissions and the enrollment policies for both the high school and middle school. The admissions summary shows that Gateway is very diverse. The percentage of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch has increased. There was a discussion about school choice decisions and readiness for high school.

- b.) College panel (GHS Seniors) - Sharon spoke about preliminary college data and said that there will be a full report in September. A panel of five GHS seniors spoke to the Board about their experiences at Gateway, their experiences with college counseling at Gateway and the college application process. The students spoke about wonderful opportunities that at Gateway that helped them make their decisions about where to go to college and what major to pursue. Many spoke about the special Gateway teachers who gave them support and encouragement. The colleges the panel members will be attending are: Spellman College, Ohio Wesleyan, Menlo College, College of San Mateo (with goal of attending Chico State afterwards), UC Davis.

4. 5:40 – Development (INFO)

Jennifer passed the floor to Anna, who gave a few headlines from the Development Report. Development is working on closing the fundraising gap; they have reached 80% of the fundraising goal.

She also announced that the luncheon planning is off to a great start. She gave a shout-out to Jackie Quella for hosting the Golden Giving Fund reception and to Susan Masto for hosting a cocktail party for the 2014 Host Committee and table sponsors.

Anna thanked the Board for their support during her first year at Gateway. *

5. 5:50 Finance Committee (vote)

- a.) Board Resolution Votes for State Funding Compliance – Chris Hero explained three State Funding Compliance Resolutions, which the Board must approve. The Board must also be compliant with the resolutions. The three resolutions are:
- i. Education Protection Account – **“The Gateway Board of Trustees hereby approves to spend the Education Protection Funds to support teacher salaries and benefits for the 2015-2016 school year, for both Gateway High School and Gateway Middle School.”**
 - ii. Local Control and Accountability Plan – **“The Gateway Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the leadership of Gateway High School and Gateway Middle School to both continue to develop the LCAP and Annual Update for each site and to submit the final document to the school district by the July, 2015 deadline.”**
 - iii. Federal and State Categorical Funding – **“The Gateway Board of Trustees hereby approves that the leadership of Gateway High School and Gateway Middle School determine all eligible State and Federal Categorical programs, including NCLB funding programs, and execute any and all documents required for each application.”**

The three resolutions were approved unanimously.

- b.) Vote to approve changes to investment policy – Lisa Kirkland explained the proposed change in investment policy. The minimum required holding of cash in the Investment Fund would be changed from 5% to 0%. This change will be reflected in our Investment Policy Statement. The Board approved the change unanimously.
- c.) Approve 2015-2016 Budget – In April’s meeting, the personnel items were approved and the FY16 budget was presented to faculty and staff at both schools.
- i. 85% of the budget has already been approved. Chris outlined the remaining changes to the balanced budget. The FY16 budget was approved unanimously.
- d.) Chris told the Board that Governor Brown just released his May revised budget. There is a large proposed increase in public school funding. Half of the increase will go toward accelerating his funding goal. The other half will go to schools as one-time grants. This would mean a significant increase in state funding. We are going to propose that, as we get more info, leadership will meet with school leaders to see how to utilize funding, both one-time and on going.

6. 6:05 – Committee on Trustees –(Info and Vote) Beth passed to Jackie Quella

- a.) Board Survey results – Beth showed a Power Point presentation of the results of the Board survey, which were favorable over-all. Jackie thanked everyone for completing the survey.
- b.) Election of 2015-2016 Officers of the Board – Jackie Quella explained how the Executive Committee is formed and went through the 2015/16 slate.

- Beth Berliner - Co-Chair
- Sapna Bose– Co-Chair
- Jackie Quella – Vice Chair
- Sue Schultes - Vice Chair
- Susan Masto - Vice Chair
- Allison Bhusri – Secretary
- Laura Spivy – Treasurer

The 2015-2016 Officers of the Board were approved unanimously.

c.) Appreciations and Roll-offs

Beth passed the floor to Sharon. Sharon talked about Amy Joseph who is rolling off the Board. Amy has been at Gateway for 13 years as a parent, Trustee, president of the parent association, and a volunteer in multiple capacities. Sharon thanked Amy for being a strong advocate for the kids and teachers and for her dedication and commitment to Gateway.

Adina spoke about Felix Chinchilla, 7th Grade Math & Science Teacher at GMS, who is also rolling off the Board this year. Felix walks-the-walk when it comes to the four tenets of the Gateway Middle School. Adina praised the rock band that Felix leads, and spoke of all the time he gives to students. Everyone thanked Felix for his contributions to the Board.

Laura Spivy read a poem about Jennifer Tulley, who is rolling off as Board Co-Chair. Laura's poem expressed the appreciation the Board feels for Jennifer's service as Co-Chair. Jennifer gave the gavel to Sapna, who will be next year's Co-Chair, along with Beth Berliner. Jennifer thanked Beth Berliner, her fellow co-chair, for being her coach and partner.

7. 6:30 – Adjourn to Happy Hour at Tofino Wines - Sapna adourned the meeting at 6:55.

Signed: Allison Bhusri
Allison Bhusri, Board Secretary

Date: 3/16/16