

**ELSIE WHITLOW STOKES COMMUNITY FREEDOM PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**JUNE 29, 2021**

Trustees Attending: Crystal Goliday, Heather Harding, Tracey Friedlander, Verleria King-Jones, Hoyt King, Robyn Lingo, Erica McGrady, Rodney Rice, Jenice View

Staff Attending: Erika Bryant, Bill Moczydlowski, Linda Moore

Tracey Friedlander called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

Minutes of the May 2021 meeting were approved unanimously following a motion by Jenice View, which was seconded by Rodney Rice.

**Review and Approval of SY2021-22 Budget**

Bill Moczydlowski presented the proposed SY2021-22 budget (see attached). He noted that the forgiveness of the PPP loan was approved by the Small Business Administration and, therefore that revenue is booked for the current school year. Projected revenue is \$15.6M, and will include, in addition to per pupil allotment and add-ons and the facilities allowance, income from a \$200,000 facilities grant, and an additional \$300K grant, Medicaid reimbursement and projected after-school program revenue. A surplus of \$44,000 is anticipated for SY 21-22.

Action: Erica McGrady made a motion to approve the SY2021-22 budget. Jenice View seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Governance Committee Report**

On behalf of the Governance Committee, Tracey Friedlander presented two new proposed board policies: the Board Giving Policy and the Board of Trustees Statement on Diversity and Inclusion (see attached).

Heather Harding commended the committee for developing the policies.

Trustees reviewed the Board of Trustees Statement on Diversity and Inclusion.

Rodney Rice questioned whether the two policies might discourage persons who are neither positioned to make or get financial donations to the school from considering board service. He agreed that the policies should be approved at this time but suggested reviewing them later once the board has experience with enforcing the policies.

Action: (1) Crystal Goliday made a motion to approve the Board Giving Policy. The motion was seconded by Jenice View and was approved unanimously.

(2) Heather Harding moved to approve the Board of Trustees Statement on Diversity and Inclusion and to review it at a later date. Jenice View seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

## Announcements

1. Erika Bryant announced that the school leadership requests that the school recognize Juneteenth as a federal holiday beginning in SY2021-22.

Action: Jenice View made a motion to add Juneteenth as a recognized holiday beginning in SY2021-22. The motion was seconded by Verleria King-Jones. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Linda Moore announced that veteran board member, Verleria King-Jones will resign from the board effective at the end of the June 2021 board meeting. Ms. Moore thanked Ms. King-Jones for her service and praised and cited many of Ms. King-Jones' contributions to the board and the school, including serving several terms as finance committee chair, leading the board through financial negotiations of the purchase and subsequent re-financing of the Brookland property, reviewing and providing leadership with the negotiations for the East End property lease and, perhaps most importantly, allowing the Elsie Whitlow Stokes School to educate her three sons. Ms. King-Jones expressed her appreciation for the school and the opportunity to provide service to the board and the school.

The board adjourned the open meeting for a closed session to address the consideration of the election of a new trustee.

Action: (1) The meeting reconvened and board chair, Heather Harding announced that Adina Ellis was elected unanimously to the Board of Trustees. Ms. Ellis is a Brookland parent with a professional background in Communications and Marketing and has served on the Board's Development Committee.

(2) Tracey Friedlander agreed to distribute the criteria for board membership to trustees.

Erica McGrady moved to adjourn the meeting. Robyn Lingo provided the second. Motion was approved unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05pm.