



Lotus School for Excellence

Mission: Lotus School for Excellence provides a safe learning environment and a rigorous college preparatory curriculum supported by a diverse, dedicated community.

Vision: Our vision is to create well-rounded and global-minded citizens who are prepared for a college education in order to pursue careers in S.T.E.A.M. fields and become contributing members of the community.

Board Meeting Minutes 3/4/2020; 6:00pm

11001 E Alameda Ave Aurora, CO 80012

1. Preliminary

1.1 Mr. Knapp called the meeting to order

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Roll Call: In attendance: Nursen Konuk; Nuran Yilmaz; Don Knapp. Excused Absence: Angela Reyes

1.5 Motion to adopt the agenda with revisions. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

2. Public Comment – no public comment

3. Reports

3.1 Financial Report: Mr. Skidmore gave a brief presentation about finances, leaving the bulk of his information for the action items involving projects.

3.2 Athletic Report: Deon Jackson updated the board on the status of athletics including a celebration for the girls' basketball team in the playoffs.

3.3 School Board Reports:

Mr. Knapp reported that he and Mr. Williams had a virtual meeting with Aurora Public Schools to make sure everyone is on the same page in this time of transition. He also communicated that he had asked Mr. Williams not to present a board report this month as he had bigger priorities as he transitioned to his new role.

4. School Board Candidates –

Haregewoin Weledmariam introduced herself and shared her experience in accounting and the non-profit field.

Oguz Akkas introduced himself and shared his professional experience and his experience mentoring teenagers.

5. Action Items

5.1 Motion to approve the Board Liaison salary at the rate of the Executive Director for the time that he remains Board Liaison. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.2A Motion to appoint Haregewoin Weledmariam as a board member. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.2B Motion to appoint Oguz Akkas as a board member. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.3 Motion to delegate the responsibility of interview questions and performance task for the Executive Director interviews to the board members on the subcommittee. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.4 Motion to hire new dean. Motion was rescinded.

5.5. Motion for the approval of the vendor for cafeteria tables. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.6 Motion to secure professional services of Ryan Adragna – Architect for patio enclosure. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.7 Motion to secure the professional services for project management of Kristine Wille-Matney. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

5.8 Motion to approve changes of line-item for telephone system to video security camera system with the budget moving from \$50k to \$175k, reallocating the projected surplus. Moved by Nursen Konuk, 2nd by Nural Yilmaz. Passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

6.1 Executive Director Search Update: Mr. Knapp and Ms. Konuk are still on track with the approved plan for interviewing and presenting a candidate to the board, but have accelerated the timeline to seek board approval at the April board meeting.

6.2 E-Rate. Mr. Williams discussed the ideas for e-rate with the intention of looking for board approval in April.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Knapp moved the board into Executive Session for Legal advice related to employment matters under CRS 24-6-402(4)(b); and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations regarding employment matters under CRS 24-6-402(4)(e).

Adjournment of meeting by Mr. Knapp

Board President:
Don Knapp

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Board Secretary:
Angela Velez-Reyes


