



Members Present: N. Donnay, R. Hajlo, D. Keyes, A. Melendres, S. Mueller, K. Pleticha, K. Denzer, A. Galati

Members Absent:

Ex-officio Members Present: K. Gutierrez

Public Hearing Call to Order in Accordance with Minn Stat 123B.38

R. Hajlo called the public hearing to order at 6:05 pm.

Public Hearing

K. Gutierrez explained Minn. Stat 123B.38, to which charter schools must comply per Minn. Stat 123E.03. K. Gutierrez then explained the proposed per-student fees for the 2022-2023 school year. These included a per-student Technology Fee of \$20 and Volunteer Background Check Fee of \$5. This is an increase of \$5 from the previous year, due to the return to normal school operations post Covid-19, resulting in more volunteer opportunities and thus more background checks, and a reduced percentage of students who paid the fees. The per-student fee would be waived for students qualifying for free lunch and reduced to \$12.50 for those qualifying for reduced lunch. There was discussion related and the likelihood of having to increase fees after next year.

There were no questions or comments from the public. The public hearing was closed at 6:16 pm.

Call to Order

R. Hajlo called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

Open Forum

There were no requests to speak at the Open Forum.

Consent Agenda – R. Hajlo

The Consent Agenda includes the board minutes from the June 28, 2022 meeting and the Executive Director's Report

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda: D. Keyes

Second: N. Donnay

Approved: All

2022-2023 Student Fee Approval – K. Gutierrez

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Per-Student Fees of \$25, which include an \$20 Technology Fee and \$5 Volunteer Background Check Fee. For those qualifying for reduced lunch, the per-student fees will be reduced to a total of \$12.50; for those qualifying for free lunch, the fees will be waived: A. Melendres

Second: N. Donnay
Approved: All

2022-2023 Federal Covid-19 Related Grants Review – K. Gutierrez

K. Gutierrez presented a summary of the Federal Covid-19 Grants and related funding with a description, amounts, fiscal year applicability, along with potential use of funds. She also noted that the School will accelerate some FY 24 funding into FY 23 to hire personnel to support the mental health of our K-12 students.

Approve CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA) for the FY23 Audit and Tax Preparation Work

K. Gutierrez indicated that search and rebid for audit and tax services is done every five years. The FY23 is the final year before this process occurs. CLA's audit engagement letter reflects a 15% increase from last year, and the tax preparation engagement letter reflects a 7% increase. There was discussion.

Motion to approve CliftonLarsonAllen for FY23 audit and tax work: K. Denzer
Second: S. Mueller
Approved: All

Closed Session – R. Hajlo

Motion to close the meeting, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 13D.05, subdivision 2(b) for the discussion of allegations against an individual subject to the Board's authority: S. Mueller
Second: A. Galati
Approved: All

Closed Session

Return to Open Session

Motion to open the meeting after concluding the closed session: A. Galati
Second: K. Pleticha
Approved: All

Resolution to Allegations against individual subject to the Board's authority

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm: S. Mueller
Second: A. Galati
Approved: All

Submitted by J. Gutierrez, St. Croix Preparatory Academy