

Forest Grove Community School
Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2016

Board Members Present

Bob Hatt, Treasurer
Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, Chair
Rochelle Auran, member

Board Members Absent

Jon Stagnitti, Vice Chair
Roger Neyman, member - arrived late

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal
Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

Others Present

Robbie Pock, FGCS parent/prospective Board member

The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

Anita welcomed Robbie to the meeting.

Voting Items

Minutes: Bob moved to approve the minutes as amended (dollar amount of ADMw).

Anita asked this month's minutes to reflect that the Board mistakenly voted on Anita's re-election to the Board although her term does not expire for another year. Election for the treasurer position was postponed until the June meeting.

Anita moved to re-elect Jon Stagnitti to another two-year term. Bob seconded the motion. Rochelle, Bob and Anita all voted to re-elect Jon. Bob moved to re-elect Jon as Vice Chair of the Board for another two-year term. All voted in favor of the motion.

Calendar

Vanessa asked the Board to approve a change to the 2016-17 FGCS calendar. The change shifts fall conference days, but does not change the number of instructional hours, the first or the last days of school.

Rochelle moved to approve the 2016-17 school calendar as revised. Bob seconded. Bob, Rochelle and Anita all voted to approve the motion.

Discussion Items

Strategic Planning: Vanessa and Anita met today with Alexis Millett, a consultant from Nonprofit Association of Oregon about work to build on the work staff and board did earlier this school year. Some of that work will focus on fundraising. An NAO consultant will meet in August 2016 with board members, administrators and interested parents about taking action for goals set during earlier planning and about succession planning (board and administration).

Budget: Vanessa submitted a revised version of the budget because of updated revenue forecast from the state. She expects the budget will need to be revised for next month's meeting, too, as information from the state about ADMw (per pupil funding), continues to be updated. Information about insurance costs and PERS costs also have not yet been finalized for 2016-17. The current draft budget proposes increasing class sizes by one student in each class in Levels 2, 3 and 4. The Board will vote on the budget in June because the charter contract with the District requires FGCS to submit an approved budget in June. Vanessa will ask the Board to approve the budget in June with caveats that allow the Board to reconsider some items when ADMw is finalized in August.

Calendar Notes

The next Board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 7.

No Board meeting in July. The Board will schedule its August meeting at the June meeting.