



Board Meeting
March 20, 2023

Board Members Present

Robbie Pock, Chair
Bob Hatt, Vice Chair
Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, Treasurer
Mackenzie Carey, Secretary
Amanda Tietze, Member
Keri Johnson, Member

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal
Karen Torry, Director of Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Unscheduled Public Appearances

No appearances or submissions to the public comment form.

Discussion Items

- Board Member Terms: Both Bob's and Anita's terms as board members are expiring in April. Bob reported that plans to step down as a Board member. He would be willing to be re-elected and continue serving temporarily until a replacement is found, if needed. Anita is also planning to step down. She does not plan to stay on until a replacement is found. Vanessa and Karen will publicize the search for new Board members.
 - Vanessa noted that Anita is treasurer, so a new treasurer will have to be elected.

Voting Items

- January 2023 Minutes: Approved as written by unanimous consent.

Reports

- Board members were asked to raise any questions or comments about the administrators' reports.

- Bob asked about the mortgage rate re-set process: Vanessa finally received the rate sheet late today but had not had time to review it by the time of the meeting. Vanessa would like the Board to approve the rate reset decision at the April meeting. She proposed holding a meeting the week of April 10 to look at the mortgage information so the May 1st deadline to reset the mortgage rate. She would postpone the auditor's visit to the May meeting.
- Vanessa shared that the reset process has been extremely frustrating, with the bank failing to provide information in a timely fashion and announcing the imposition of significant fees at the last minute.
- The 2023-24 budget will be a focus of Board meetings in April, May and June.
- Mackenzie asked Vanessa to explain the charter school pass-through rate. Vanessa explained that state law allows districts to retain up to 15% of ADMw allocated for students attending public charter schools, with the school receiving 85% of ADMw. FGCS previously negotiated an agreement with the District to retain 88% of ADMw. Vanessa would like to renegotiate an agreement to retain 90%. That negotiation could occur independent of the charter renewal.
 - Other than the pass-through rate, FGCS and the District are in agreement about charter renewal, so that process is expected to go smoothly.
- Future Meetings
 - Robbie suggested the possibility of having a brief special meeting to address the rate reset issue, then retain the regular April board meeting to allow for presentations by the audit firm and Mahlum Architects regarding facilities strategic planning.
 - Special Board Meeting: The Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Mon., April 10 with the rate reset as the sole agenda item. The regularly scheduled April meeting will remain on the calendar: 6:30 p.m. Mon., Apr 24, 2023 .