



## Board Meeting May 22, 2023

### **Board Members Present**

Robbie Pock, Chair  
Bob Hatt, Vice Chair  
Mackenzie Carey, Secretary  
Amanda Tietze, Member  
Keri Johnson, Member

### **Staff Members Present**

Vanessa Gray, Principal  
Karen Torry, Director of Operations

### **Visitors**

Marissa Garcia Salgado, FGCS parent  
Stephanie Minshall, FGCS parent

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

### **Discussion Items**

- Prospective new board members: Robbie welcomed Marissa and Stephanie, who have expressed interest in learning more about being an FGCS board member.
- Summer social gathering: Robbie suggested having some sort of social gathering this summer to have some relaxing time and honor Bob's and Anita's board service. Robbie invited Board members to provide feedback on their interest and availability for a gathering over the summer or in early fall.
  - Robbie also raised the idea of having a Board retreat next school year to build community on the board.

### **Unscheduled Public Appearances**

No appearances or submissions to the public comment form.

### **Calendar Notes**

- Talent Show 9:30-11 a.m. Fri., May 26/District Office Grove Room
- Memorial Day Mon., May 29
- Kona Ice Fundraiser/Back Yard Garden Event 3:15-5 p.m. Weds., June 7
- Celebration of Learning 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thurs., June 8
- Last Day of School: Thurs., June 15 (half day)

### **Discussion Items**

- Vanessa proposed canceling the July board meeting because there tend to be schedule conflicts with most board members and staff.

### **Voting Items**

- April 2023 Minutes: Approved as written by unanimous consent.
- 2023-24 Budget: Vanessa explained the structure of the budget spreadsheet.
  - Revenue comes primarily from the State School Fund, which is determined by enrollment plus some 'add ons.' The budget is based on the current forecast for a per-pupil amount of \$9,744. FGCS will continue to get funds from the Student Investment Account and ESSER (COVID relief) fund. The SIA fund is ongoing; the ESSER fund will expire. There is also some anticipated revenue from the rental properties, parent payments for student supplies, reimbursements for school lunches and fundraising.
  - As at all schools, the primary spending category at FGCS is employee salaries, benefits, workers compensation and associated taxes. The budget assumes a 10 percent increase in health insurance costs.
  - The technology budget includes the plan to replace student Chromebooks on a rolling basis.
  - Deficit: The budget foresees a deficit of about \$94,000 but Vanessa noted that FGCS carries a significant fund balance to make up the difference between revenue and expenses. Vanessa explained that she has always planned saving into the budget to account for shortfalls. The cost of the contract with Mahlum Architects for long-range facilities planning makes up most of the deficit. Vanessa anticipates some increase in per-pupil funding above the currently predicted rate before the start of the school year.
  - Salaries: The budget includes a 4 percent salary increase.
  - Questions/comments:
    - Bob asked to see a side-by-side comparison between the current school year budget and the 23-24 budget.
    - Robbie asked if the Board needed to separately approve the Mahlum contract or if voting on the budget was sufficient. Vaness

stated that budget approval was adequate. The Mahlum proposal will be a voting item on the June agenda.

- Bob proposed postponing a vote on the budget until next month, when Vanessa provides the side-by-side comparison.
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### **Reports**

- Administrators' Report
  - The District board is reviewing the FGCS charter renewal this evening.
- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Reports

The meeting was adjourned at XXX p.m.