Forest Grove Community School

Board of Directors Meeting May 9, 2017

Board Members Present

Bob Hatt, chair Jon Stagnitti, treasurer Steve Molin, secretary Robbie Pock, member Rochelle Auran, member

Board Members Absent

Roger Neyman, member Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, vice chair

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, principal Karen Torry, director of school operations

Voting Items:

Meeting Minutes - April 2017: Jon moved to approve the minutes as written. Steve seconded. All voted in favor.

Discussion Items:

• Update on refinancing process: Vanessa and Jon talked by phone last week with Key Bank. FGCS has been approved for up to a \$1.4 million mortgage through refinancing. The property appraised at \$2.8 million. Vanessa will complete the SNAP bond application and there will be additional meetings with bankers. Vanessa and Jon will update the Board throughout the process and ultimately ask the Board to approve the loan package. Jon noted that the bond program allows FGCS to lock in an interest rate for 20 years that is significantly lower and because it's a treasury bond rate will remain lower than what would be available through a commercial loan. It also allows the school to roll multiple loans,including a private note, into a single mortgage. The board expressed unanimous support for Jon and Vanessa to move forward with the SNAP loan application.

- <u>Discipline/Dismissal Review</u>: The Board reviewed FGCS policies and practices related to employee discipline and dismissal as part of compliance with the PACE employee liability toolkit.
- First Reading: 2016-2017 Budget
 - The initial budget is based on flat enrollment and a conservative estimate
 of likely state funding. It assumes a 4 percent salary increase with no
 changes in number of staff and a 5 percent increase in health insurance
 costs. Vanessa reviewed line items and responded to Board questions.
 The Board will vote on the budget at the June 22 meeting.

Reports

- Administration Board Report: Jon asked about the Chromebooks Campaign, why
 we were using the Flipcause site and how it was being publicized.
- Monthly Financials: <u>Balance Sheet</u>, <u>Profit and Loss</u>, <u>Budget vs Actual</u>
- Donations/Thank You Report

Calendar Notes

- The June Board meeting has been changed to Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- The staff/Board year-end party is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 13.

Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next Meeting: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 22

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m.