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Board of Trustees – Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 11th, 2022 11:00 a.m.

MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Committee Others

Luke Muszkiewicz, Board Chair Rex Weltz, Superintendent

Siobhan Hathhorn, Vice Chair Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology

> Brian Cummings, Assistant Superintendent Josh McKay, Assistant Superintendent

Barb Ridgway, Chief of Staff

Tim McMahon, Activities Director

Janelle Mickelson, Business Office Administrator

Joslyn Davidson, Curriculum Director Karen Ogden, Communications Officer Candice Delvaux, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER ١.

Board Chair, Luke Muszkiewicz, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF AGENDA II.

No changes were requested to the Executive Committee Meeting Agenda.

III. **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Gary Myers, Director of Educational Technology, commented that January is National School Board Recognition Month, and he wanted to thank the Board members for all that they do, and express his appreciation to them.

IV. **REVIEW OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the 12.14.21 Executive Committee meeting were reviewed and approved.

V. REVIEW OF THE 01.11.22 BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The committee reviewed the agenda for the 01.11.22 full Board meeting. Board Chair Luke Muszkiewicz commented. We will meet here tonight beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Center. People can attend in person or online via TEAMS. The address and remote log in information is all on the website. It is likely that we will have a fair amount of public comment specifically regarding amendments to Policy 1905 tonight. We will want to enforce a capacity on this room and have the conference room as a backup. Superintendent Rex Weltz commented. Gary will have us set up as view only in the conference room and Josh and Brian will work the overflow to make sure people are comfortable knowing where they are going. Board Chair Luke Muszkiewicz discussed that if people want to comment regarding masking, they will not do it during General Public Comment, but will do it during public comment for Policy 1905. Board Chair Luke Muszkiewicz commented. I will call the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, we will have a solar energy update presentation, and a contribution to our efforts to install solar panels in our schools. Madalyn Quinlan will be presenting the solar energy update, along with Pat Judge and Joel Harris online. Superintendent Rex Weltz will follow up with an update on Bryant from the architect's reports, and then give his Superintendent Report. Mr. Weltz said he would give an update tonight on limited test availability for rapid testing.

Board Chair Luke Muszkiewicz commented. Following the Superintendent Report, we will go to General Public Comment. I will go over ground rules to help people understand when the appropriate time to make public comment is whether it is regarding 1905, other agenda items, or regarding items not on the agenda, and I will repeat our plea for civility and mutual respect. We will then move on to New Business. We have six policies that will receive their first reading. After Ms. Barb Ridgway presents all six polices, we will give the Board an opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback to the policy committee. We will then move to our Consent Action Items. Trustee John McEwen noticed a small error in our December 14th minutes, so when we review the agenda, I will pull those minutes out of Consent Action Items and move them to Items for Action, number five. We will then take individual action to accept those minutes into the record, with at least one modification. We will act on Consent Action Items two through four collectively unless any Trustee wishes to pull any more of those out. We will then move on to Items for Action which includes four polices and the minutes we just talked about. The most significant policy will include the amendments to Policy 1905. A Trustee could make a motion to approve those amendments as they appear in the packet, they could also add on an additional modification, and if that is seconded then we will ask questions, hold public comment, and vote. We will then move on to Reports. After Reports, we will wrap things up with Board Comments.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.