



M.I.T.C.H. CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 8:00 AM

M.I.T.C.H. Tigard-Tualatin at Calvin Presbyterian Church
10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224

MINUTES

Members present:

Ben Ochs (Chair)
Shana Hildreth (Secretary)
Wayne Laird (Treasurer)
Patricia Saier
Stephanie Rickert
David Uslan
Debi Lorence (non-voting)

Staff Present:

None

Absent:

None

Guests Present:

Gordon Fiddes (Asst. Secretary), Eric Walter, Arin Sumas, Tanya Easterly, and Joel Smith

CALL TO ORDER - Ben Ochs (Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 am in the MITCH cafeteria upstairs at 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224. All present were led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve Minutes

Patricia Saier makes a motion to approve the Tigard Board minutes from the meeting on April 16, 2009 as presented.

Shana Hildreth seconds the motion.

The Board discusses the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Eric Walter indicates his pleasure at the direction the Board is headed, and believes it will function more efficiently and effectively.

Other members of the public introduce themselves.

TREASURER REPORT

Wayne Laird reports the financials were sent out for Board review, and Gordon's questions were answered. We are hoping TTSD answers our funding questions for next year. We will run our numbers smoother next year. Changes in district funding: there are two possible versions, and Tigard Tualatin School District Chose the lower number, which is 5.4 billion. Our budget might have to be lowered \$6,000, or we may have a \$10,000 surplus. Debi Lorence interjects that unemployment affects school support. The auction this year brought in \$18,000. The Board expresses thanks for the hard work that was put in on that. David Uslan, Wayne Laird, Janet Peterson, and Debi Lorence are the finance committee members. The Board discusses Scrip. **Scrip has the potential to be a better revenue source.**

MOTION to approve Financial Report

David Uslan makes a motion to approve the financial report as submitted.

Shana Hildreth seconds the motion.

The Board discusses the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

NOMINATIONS

Ben Ochs relates that this is the Annual Meeting, and that all Officers and members will start their newly elected terms on July 1, 2009.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate for consideration:

Shana Hildreth (Chair)

Wayne Laird (Treasurer)

Gordon Fiddes (Secretary)

Joel Smith (Vice Chair)

Patricia Saier (Vice Chair)

Stephanie Rickert

David Uslan

Shana Hildreth states that there will be one open seat with the term ending on June 30, 2011.

The Board discusses who might fill that seat, and timing of term ends.

MOTION to elect Joel Smith to the Board

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to elect Joel Smith to serve as a Board member effective July 1, 2009.

Patricia Saier seconds the motion.

Joel Smith is the only nominee for the open Board seat. Joel Smith speaks to the Board. He has public, private, and home school experience. He has worked in a number of places and also worked for "Character First". He has helped train teachers, is good at organizing events, with an emphasis on style and marketing. Joel wants to join the Board because he wants to serve, likes MITCH's mission. Joel has no Board experience. Joel has no conflicts of interest. Debi Lorence highly recommends Joel because of his teaching experience and delightful presence.

Joel is a children's pastor in Lake Oswego with a flexible schedule.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

Joel Smith is elected to a two year term ending on June 30, 2011

MOTION to elect Gordon Fiddes to the Board

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to elect Gordon Fiddes to serve as a Board member effective July 1, 2009.

Stephanie Rickert seconds the motion.

Board interviews Gordon. Gordon has no conflicts of interest.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

Gordon Fiddes is elected to a two year term ending on June 30, 2011

Ben Ochs appoints David Uslan to the Assistant Treasurer position effective July 1, 2009. David Uslan accepts the position.

MOTION to elect Gordon Fiddes to serve as the Board Secretary

Patricia Saier makes a motion to elect Gordon Fiddes to serve as the Board Secretary, effective July 1, 2009.

Shana Hildreth seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

MOTION to elect Wayne Laird to serve as the Board Treasurer

Stephanie Rickert makes a motion to elect Wayne Laird to serve as the Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2009.

Shana Hildreth seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

MOTION to elect Joel Smith to serve as the Board Vice Chair

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to elect Joel Smith to serve as the Board Vice Chair, effective July 1, 2009.

Stephanie Rickert seconds the motion.

The Board discusses the motion and interviews Joel Smith further.

Vote: 5 Board members vote in favor. One Board member votes against. The motion passes.

Wayne Laird recommends having a term length review in the future.

MOTION to elect Shana Hildreth to the Board

Wayne Laird makes a motion to elect **Shana Hildreth to serve a second term** as a Board member effective July 1, 2009.

Stephanie Rickert seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

Shana Hildreth is elected to a two year term ending on June 30, 2011

MOTION to elect Shana Hildreth to serve as the Board Chair

Patricia Saier makes a motion to elect Shana Hildreth to serve as the Board Chair, effective July 1, 2009.

Stephanie Rickert seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

Ben Ochs gives advice to keep the meetings moving, not be afraid to push against others' views, and to keep the priorities in order. MITCH Charter School will start the year on July 1, 2009 with a full Board and officers .

MOTION to ratify the existing contract with Tigard-Tualatin School District

Wayne Laird makes a motion to ratify the existing contract between MITCH Charter School and the Tigard-Tualatin School District.

Patrica Saier seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

MOTION to recognize the existing Policies and Procedures

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to recognize the existing policies and procedures as written.

David Uslan seconds the motion.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

MOTION to approve the 2009-2010 teacher contract as amended

Shana Hildreth makes a motion to ratify the 2009-2010 teacher contract as submitted.

Wayne Laird seconds the motion.

Board discusses requirements of teachers and other changes noted in Gordon's draft edit. After the Board's discussion, the Board agrees on certain amendments, and the motion is changed to ratify the 2009-2010 teacher contract as amended and as discussed.

Vote: All Board members vote in favor. The motion passes.

Stephanie Rickert leaves the meeting at 9:22 AM

SCHEDULE

Shana Hildreth leads discussion on the time the Board meets during the school year. Consensus is to schedule it on the third Thursday at 7:00 PM.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Debi Lorence submits her report in written form.

CHAIR -- STATE OF THE SCHOOL

The Sherwood and Tigard schools now have independent Boards. We are evaluating a permanent site. We have a 10 year contract with TTSD. There is money in the bank. The community interest and response is good. We have done a good job spending. We have full enrollment. Staff is excellent. The future is bright. Our students are high performers. The most exciting thing (and the scariest thing) is looking at a possible new home.

BOARD COMMENTS

BenOchs will evaluate Debi Lorence. Ben wants Board input: Observations, questions, concerns.

A special meeting will be held on Monday May 18, 2009 at 7:15 PM at M.I.T.C.H. Tigard-Tualatin in Calvin Presbyterian Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224

FINAL ADJOURNMENT Meeting is adjourned at 9:32 AM.