

Hope Community Christian Academy

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School Board Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022

Attendees:

Toby Roderick	Melissa Lee
Maggie Reed	Misti Witt
Stacey Puls	Amos Lee
Tia Swanemyr	Becky Connell
Aaron Hamstra	Jarrette Ireland
Dorothy Williams	
Richard Westbrook	
Kate Williard	
Tandy Nossaman	
Yvonne Chapman	

Call to order: Toby at 5:01 pm

Opening Prayer: Richard

1. Approval of agenda: Change was made to the agenda, section 8 was removed.
Motion to approve the agenda with changes was made by Tia, Maggie second and motion passed.
2. Public Comment:
 - a. Misti Witt shared an update on the co-op school that she is helping to start. The school will be located at the Cowboy Church and will start the first week of October. It will meet two days a week, it will have a high school grade level focus, but they have 8 elementary students signed up as well. They will have varied life classes and currently have 13 students signed up.
3. August Minutes: A change needs to be made to the minutes, Richard Westbrook needs to be added to the attendance.
Maggie made a motion to accept the August minutes with the change to add Richard to the attendance, Aaron second and motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report:

Current bank balance is: \$320,498.23

Toby asked if the school is receiving any money from Amazon smile account, Misti stated they have not seen any funds from that in a while. Discussion followed about how much people are using that option, Misti said she would look into it.

Tia moved to accept the treasure report, Dorothy second and motion was passed.

5. Yvonne Update:

- a. Security Update: Yvonne shared that she has been told by the fire department that the gate in the hallway of the ELHI building cannot be there for safety reason. We now need to keep the black double doors that are located at the end of the hallway closed during the day. There have been individuals that are currently banned from the building trying to get into the building. We also need to keep outside doors closed during the day, the school did have an officer come do some safety training with staff.
- b. I-ready Testing: Yvonne stated that I-ready testing is coming up and that Becky is working on the schedule for that.
- c. Computer Donation: The school received a donation of 5 new chrome books from Pathfinder Chiropractic.
- d. Yvonne was asked how the mentor program with Mr. Misner and Mollie was going. They have been meeting weekly and it is going very well.

6. Building Update:

Toby shared that on Thursday some members of the building committee toured one of the BP buildings and a section of another one. One of the buildings needs a large sum of money to get up and running. The other building would cost less to get ready and could potential be ready for next school year. He stated that we would need to discuss and decide how long we would want to be in those buildings. Discussion followed regarding the pros and cons of both building options. Tandy asked about parking, Amos answered that there would be plenty of parking and space for a playground. He also said that the smaller of the two buildings would need a new fire suppression system while the bigger of the two building would need less remodeling. He suggested that the board discuss what we are looking at in terms of school growth in the coming years and what needs we might have regarding space. Amos discussed looking into partnership with local church, Florida Baptist. The church has been growing and might be looking for more space. Discussion followed. Misti asked questions about the two buildings regarding space and growth. The bigger of the two buildings has more space than what we currently have and would have room to grow, plus it would give us a good space in the middle for PE/Chapel. Tia shared we would be looking at roughly 1 million to remodel the smaller building and the large building would be less. Discussion followed on the two buildings, questions were asked if anyone else was interested and answered that yes, several. Amos said that Ascent Classical Academy has shown interest in the big building. Maggie asked if we would have a say in who could occupy the space in the big building that we would not be renting, no we would not, and discussion followed. Discussion was also had on cost per square foot to rent space in the big building. Currently we have been quoted at \$7.50 plus we would still need to pay a third of the utilities. Discussion followed regarding possible utility cost. Maggie asked if these building would be a more permanent location or temporary, discussion followed. Ideas

where shared about possibilities to sub-lease some of the space, things that would need to be remodeled for the pre-K program, and what the cost would be to get it classroom ready. More discussion then followed regarding state funding, what would happen if we lost our state funding and the option to look for possible grants. Melissa discussed needing to look into long term solutions, how we impact the community, and what our long-term vision is for growth. Misti cautioned that as we look at growth and the future that we do not lose our original vision, purpose and reason the school was started. Discussion was had on growth and the future. Maggie asked what the timeline for moving from the ELHI building and discussion followed about possible options to not pay rent until we are physical in the building. Tia asked if we would be looking to double classrooms at some point in the future. Discussion was had on growth and ideas where shared on possible options. Jarrette suggested we look into possible options of having summer tutoring or day camp activities in the building space. Tandy suggested we could offer a few high school classes in the space. Yvonne stated maybe would offer a space for students that are doing online classes, possibly offer some tutoring. Discussion followed. Mist asked what the next steps would be. Toby answered, information gathering, finding possible other options, and that the building committee needs to be some numbers to paper. Amos asked where the process was regarding the ELHI building being sold to the city from the Ignacio School District and that we need to find out more information on the timeline. Discussion followed. Discussion was then had on the location of BP building in reference to the Ignacio community. Kate asked if the BP buildings where in the district and yes, they are in the district. She then asked if we lost the state funding how that would impact any of these options, discussion then followed. Discussion was also had on options to stay in the ELHI building. Toby stated that the building committee needs to meet again. Meeting was set for September 27th at 6:30 pm.

7. Dorothy- library update:

- a. Dorothy brought newsletters to update on library activities.

8. Things to pray about:

- a. Our national/local governments
- b. Future home
- c. Unity on the board
- d. Health of Families
- e. Gary Wright's health

9. Closing Prayer: Toby

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm