

SOUTH SHORE CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees Annual and Regular Meeting
May 20, 2021

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Notice of this meeting was sent to appropriate governmental agencies and press, and was published in the “South Shore Charter Public School Update”.

Trustees:

In attendance: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

In absentia: Katie Cianelli, Peter Farrell, Honora Sullivan

Also in attendance:

Staff: Alicia Savage (Executive Director), Kristine Bingham (Director of Finance)

Audience: Lily Ferguson, Kerri Doble, Tracy Deveau, Deborah Harper Padula, Michelle Rankin, Joyce Dandrow, Tiffany, Siohan Daly

Edwin Rivera (Chair) called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:36pm

MOTION: V. Walsh moved to convene the Annual Meeting. L. Alden seconded.

Vote by individual roll call: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Candidates:

- The Governance Committee recommends the appointment of Tracy Deveau and Tiffany Brown Grier, each to a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021.
- The Governance Committee recommends the reappointment of Kathleen Trask and Vincent Walsh, each to a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021.

MOTION: H.Aylward moved to approve the appointment of Tracy Deveau to a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021. V. Walsh seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

MOTION: H.Aylward moved to approve the appointment of Tiffany Brown Grier to a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021. L. Alden seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

MOTION: H.Aylward moved to reappoint Kathleen Trask to a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021. B. Smyth seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

MOTION: H.Aylward moved to reappoint Vinnie Walsh to a 3-year term beginning July 1, 2021. K. Fluhr seconded.

Vote by individual roll call:

Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione

Slate of Officers

The Governance Committee recommends the following slate of officers for the 2021-22 school year: Edwin Rivera, Chair; Bill Smyth, Vice Chair; Vincent Walsh, Treasurer; Prue Goodale; Clerk.

MOTION: K. Poudrier moved to approve the slate of officers as presented. H. Alyward seconded.

Vote by individual roll call: Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward,, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: B. Smyth moved to adjourn the Annual Meeting and convene the May regular meeting. H. Aylward seconded

Vote by individual roll call: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Edwin Rivera convened the Regular Meeting at 7:46pm

Board Business:

Approval of Minutes:

MOTION: B. Smyth moved to approve the minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting as presented. P. Goodale seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Vote by individual roll call: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

School & Academic Report: Alicia Savage, Executive Director reported

Board Acknowledgment

- Thanked Leslie Alden for all of her work over the many years of volunteering and as a parent and as a Board member since 2014.
- Welcomed Tracy Deveau and Tiffany Brown-Grier to the Board beginning in July.

State of the School

- Full in-person for students in grades 6-8 on April 28. On May 3 students in grades 9-12 returned.
- On May 17 we received additional guidance from the state and DESE indicating that students will not have to wear masks outdoors; indoors masks are still required; materials are now allowed to be shared; reviewed updated guidance on graduation. All adults must continue to wear masks indoor and outdoors
- New guidelines will be implemented by Monday

Class of 2021

- Congratulations to the Class of 2021 We look forward to the ceremony on June 4
- 17 students will be inducted into the Fraternity of Thirteen
- 23 students are members of the National Honor Society
- Reviewed the impressive list college acceptances

Summer School Program:

Working on the curriculum and final offering are being decided. Reviewing student assessments. Services for ELL and Learning Services students will continue. New for this summer program, the school will offer intervention for reading and math grades 1-4, and selected 5-8; also credit recovery for students in grades 9-12. All instruction will be in person

Family Survey: Reviewed some of the results

- The Technology program has received a higher approval result due to the Professional Development and one-to-one program
- Diversity Initiatives received a higher approval result. Year-long Professional Development this year which will continue going forward
- Rigorous Academic Program results were also high. New initiative in World Languages with students qualifying for the Seal of Biliteracy
- More results will be discussed at the July meeting

Student Enrollment:

As of 5/14/21 the FY22 projected enrollment is 1065; FY21 actual enrollment is 1014

Finance: Vinnie Walsh reported

The Finance Committee met on Tuesday and reviewed the FY22 draft Budget and current FY21 status. FY22 anticipated per pupil tuition of \$16,200

FY22 Budget Presentation: K. Bingham reported

- Thanked the Board for their support, hard work, and commitment to the school during COVID-19 pandemic
- Review of FY21 projected 4.5% or \$705,000 deficient in budgeted vs actual tuition revenue
- DESE estimated tuition \$15,571 based on FTE 1009
- Received \$533,308 federal and state grants to help fund COVID-19 needs
- Due to the pandemic some positions were not filled however additional other positions needed to be filled
- School invested in capital expenditures. Operable windows, outdoor tents, additional furniture and technology needs
- School use some of the cash stabilization funds to offset expenses
- FY21 net loss of \$374,948 with a quasi cash loss of \$268,071 for the year
- FY22 Budget highlights. Pre-enroll 1075; budget for 1055
- DESE estimates average per pupil tuition to be \$16,528. Administration is requesting to budget \$16, 200 based on 1055 students
- Revenue is estimated to be \$18,153,655
- Expenditures are estimated to be \$18,238,249
- The School anticipates filling vacancies due to retirements and resignations and anticipates hiring 2 paraprofessionals
- The budget includes an increase in health insurance costs of 4.5%
- Budgeted \$30,000 for PPE due to COVID-19 and budgeted \$357,527 to offset costs related to pandemic mental health and student support services
- Budgeted \$450,000 for depreciation
- Budgeted capital improvements
- The Finance Committee recommends the FY22 Draft Budget
- Reviewed the top sending districts; the tuition revenue history FY16-22; FY22 Expenditures; FY22 Salary Graph; Prior Year Budget Comparisons; FY22 Cash Flow Projection

Motion: H. Aylward moved to approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approve the FY22 Budget as presented. K. Fluhr seconded.

Vote by individual roll call: Edwin Rivera (Chair), William Smyth (Vice Chair), Prue Goodale (Clerk), Vincent Walsh (Treasurer), Leslie Alden, Heidi Aylward, Kiki Fluhr, Natacha Julien, Ken Poudrier, Jody Regan, Kathleen Trask, Katie Vecchione All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Faculty: J.Regan reported:

- High school is preparing for graduation
- Full in-person learning with full classrooms. There are constant adapting and moving of physical classrooms and changes to student cohorts. Students seem thrilled to be back
- Preparing for MCAS testing
- School-wide celebration of Culture and Diversity celebrations for the month of May; preparing for a Pride Day in June

Students: no report

Parents Association: Katie Vecchione reported

- PA finished the “sponsor a senior” project with all students sponsored
- Working on bus transportation for next year. Local Motion more routes and direct billing to parents
- PA elections close out tomorrow. Meeting next week and announce results
- A lot of parents waiting to hear for after school programs for next year

Development: Leslie Alden reported

- Reserving October 16, 2021 for the Community Building Harvest Run at Wompatuck.

Governance: Prue Goodale reported

- Committee began review of the Board Self Evaluation results
- Received 13 of 15 surveys
- Committee will schedule a June meeting to continue to review the results
- Data will be used to inform next years survey Review the Board self-evaluation results
- Looking to formalize the onboarding of new Board members.
- The survey will become an annual event

July Board meeting - July 15 or 22

Personnel: Bill Smyth reported

- Reminder to complete the Executive Director Evaluation survey
- Looking forward to adding new members to the committee

Facilities: Ken Poudrier reported

Committee will update the Board at the July meeting

Additional Comments from Board and Audience:

No comments

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Meeting Adjourned 8:59pm

Respectfully submitted:
Pam Algera

Approved by: Prue Goodale, Clerk