

**The Founders Academy
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2018
Location: The Founders Academy**

Present: Kim Lavallee, Matt Mercier, Patty Humphrey, Kristi Scarpone, Michael Gaumont, Maureen Mooney

Absent - Liam Childers (student rep)

Meeting called to order: 4:07PM

Pledge of Allegiance - Hannah Marcotte (student)

Moment of Silence for military personnel - Dean Mooney

Reading of Mission - Dean Mooney

Dean Mooney declared Quorum present at 4:11PM.

1. Organizational Business

- a. Dean asked for nominations for board chairman.
- b. Mrs. Humphrey names motion to nominate Matt Mercier as Interim Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Scarpone seconds.
 - i. No other nominations.
 - ii. Roll called: Patty Humphrey - Yea; Kim Lavallee - Yea; Kristi Scarpone - Yea., Mercier - abstain
 - iii. Motion passes (3 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention).
- c. Mercier asked for nomination for vice chairman.
 - i. Mrs. Lavallee nominates Mrs. Humphrey, Mrs. Scarpone seconds.
 - ii. No discussion.
 - iii. Roll called: Chairman Mercier - Yea; Patty Humphrey - Yea; Kim Lavallee

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Yea; Kristi Scarpone - Yea.

- a. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

2. Public comments (4:20PM)

- a. Chairman Mercier reminds attendees of the policy on public comments.
- b. Mr. Bob Marville - voiced concerns with document "Roles and Duties of Board Members," specifically point no. 9 under Qualifications.
- c. Mr. Jon DiPietro - voiced concerns about the board resignations and connected allegations, as well as points no. 9 and no. 3 under Qualifications in the "Roles and Duties of Board Members."

- d. Mrs. Jane Cormier - voiced the need to work together to service the mission and build up the school, to take these issues as an opportunity to work together for the better, and there are two sides to every challenge.
- e. Mrs. Susan Lawton - mentioned the Treasurer's Report, a positive is that we are stable financially.
- f. Mrs. Patrice Benard - first asked for extension of the public comments time, with no motion made by the Board. Voiced concerns about the Board's treatment of parents, as well as the legality of the meeting: that it was in apparent violation of RSA 194:B-5 because there is only one parent serving on the Board.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes (4:35PM)

- a. Chairman Mercier proposes motion to adopt the November 15th Board Minutes
 - i. Mrs Humphrey makes motion, Mrs. Scarpone seconds.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
- b. Chairman Mercier proposes motion to adopt the November 29th Board Minutes.
 - i. Mrs Humphrey makes motion, Mrs. Scarpone seconds.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

4. Reports (4:37PM)

- a. Mr. Michael Gaumont gives faculty report. (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/u5NXTM>)
- b. Written Student Trustee report from Liam Childers, read by Dean Mooney.
- c. Dean's Report read by Dean Mooney. (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/LA9yDs>)
- d. Treasurer's report read by Mrs. Lavallee. (**Reference:** <https://goo.gl/vnm4bg>)

5. Board Business

- a. Retaining Wadleigh, Starr & Peters, PLLC
 - i. Mrs. Lavallee makes motion to ratify and continue our agreement, seconded by Mrs. Humphrey.
 - ii. All in favor, none opposed motion passes.
- b. Responsibilities and duties of board members
 - i. The document requested by Mrs. Patrice Benard for board member responsibilities and duties was discussed. Board members talked about a number of potential changes to the proposed document.
 - ii. Chairman Mercier proposed forming a subcommittee to go over the document reworking and/or rewording of several points in this first draft.
 - 1. Mrs. Humphrey makes motion to form a subcommittee of the board to review and modify this doc for presentation to the Parent Steering Committee, with a deadline of next month's meeting. Scarpone seconds.
 - a. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
 - b. Mr. Mercier will chair subcommittee.
 - c. Mrs. Lavallee: parents can submit comments on the document in writing to Mrs. Scarpone.
- c. No Board nominations tonight; anyone interested can send applications to Chairman Mercier.

- d. Board resignations
 - i. Chairman Mercer acknowledges the 3 resignations given on January 10th, 2018.
 - ii. Mrs. Humphrey makes a motion to ratify the previous phone vote to accept these resignations, Mrs. Scarpone seconds.
 - 1. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes
 - e. Ratification of Indemnification Policy.
 - i. Motion proposed to ratify policy BIE which was approved by all December 12th by phone, to replace with new edited indemnification policy.
 - 1. Mrs. Lavallee makes motion, Chairman Mercier seconds.
 - 2. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.
 - f. Admissions report, read by Chairman Mercier
 - i. 97 active applications in process, 37 completed
6. New Business
- a. Parent Steering Committee caucus was held on December 15th.
 - i. representatives are:
 - 1. Peter Olsen, 11th grade
 - 2. Patrice Benard, Chairperson, 10th grade
 - 3. Michael Lawton, Vice Chairperson, 9th grade
 - 4. Jason DiPietro, 8th grade
 - 5. Krysten Apostoles, 7th grade
 - 6. Jon DiPietro, 6th grade
 - ii. Parent applicants to board will be reviewed during the January 24th meeting.
7. Non-public session motion suggested by Chairman Mercier (approx. 5:15PM)
- a. Vote taken to go into non-public session, RSA 91:A:3 II(c) roll called: Chairman Mercier - Yea; Vice-Chairman Humphrey - Yea; Kim Lavallee - Yea; Kristi Scarpone - Yea. All in favor, none opposed.
8. Public session reconvened 5:34PM
- a. Mrs. Lavallee makes motion to seal closed session minutes, Chairman Mercier seconds
 - i. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes
 - b. Mrs. Humphrey motions to adjourn, Chairman Mercier seconds.
 - i. All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Next meeting: February 21st, 6:00pm

*Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Brouillette*