



Board of Directors Special Meeting

Time: January 2, 2023 @ 4:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Location: Zoom Meeting ID: 859 7884 3836 Passcode: 116571

Roll Call by Secretary: Eric Bentson (present), Ashley Goverman (present,) Rosemary Herold (present,) George Hynd (present,) Bob McFerran (present,) Stephanie Sams (present), Sedric Webber (present,) Trey Zimmerman (not present)

Other attendee: Bill Roach (from CIE)

MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide an exceptional, evidence-based, multi-sensory education for students with dyslexia to open the gates to their academic potential in an environment that empowers students to develop a positive and socially conscious self-image.

1. Call to Order at 4:39pm by Stephanie Sams
2. Mission Statement & Roll Call by Ashley Goverman
3. Adoption of Agenda for January 2, 2023 meeting; 2nd Eric Bentson; All in favor
4. No public comments.
5. Executive Session at 4:42pm; 2nd George Hynd; all in favor
 - a. Discussion of employment pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(1)
 - b. Discussion of negotiations related to proposed contract pursuant to S.C. Code §30-4-70(a)(2)
6. Possible Action Items Related to Executive Session
 - a. George Hynd made a motion: Consistent with Gates School mission of serving children with dyslexia, and in recognition of our fiduciary responsibility to the Gates School community and to those who have financially supported Gates School, I move that due to the ongoing enrollment freeze, the administrative personnel budget for this fiscal year be reduced and that reduction is to take effect as soon as feasible; 2nd by Bob McFerran. No additional discussion amongst board members.

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- b. Rosie asked for clarification from Mr. Roach from CIE on why there is an enrollment freeze in place. She mentioned the above motion is in direct relation to the ongoing enrollment freeze.. Rosie asked if Mr. Roach could clarify why it is still in place. Per Mr. Roach's response, from his understanding, the issues from last school year have not been fulfilled. He stated he would ask for clarification in the morning and get back to us.
- c. Motioned passed. Trey not present, Stephanie abstained. Remaining present members voted Yes.
- 7. Adjourn at 6:24pm by Ashley Goverman; 2nd Bob McFerran. All in favor.
- 8. Next regular meeting 1/26

Minutes submitted by Ashley Goverman.

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