

ECS Board Meeting, July 13, 2020

Called to Order - 6:30pm

**Members Present:** No in-person participation due to COVID-19 restrictions

**Members Present (Zoom video):** Mr. Ed Hubbard, Ms. Erica King, Mr. Len Gilbert, Mr. Ardian Hasko, Mr. Jim Stringfellow, Ms. Ayisha Devonish, Mr. Edison Bardowell

**Prospective Board Members (Zoom video):** Ms. Roberta Osorio, Ms. Palak Forbes

**Members Present (phone):** none

**Members Absent:** Mr. Ben Costa

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**Meeting Called to Order**

Mr. Ed Hubbard opened up the meeting and welcomed everyone.

**Development Update**

Ms. Megan Benway updated the board on this month's development efforts. ECS applied for the Robin Hood COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund but were not awarded anything due to a very competitive applicant pool. Waiting to hear on Hyde & Watson and Sexauer applications. Virtual graduation ceremonies were held on June 25, 2020. Five graduates received FOE scholarships this year.

**Finance Report**

Ms. Caitlin Franco, ED, reviewed the May finances and discussions from the June 19, 2020 Finance Committee meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Friday, July 24, 2020. Ms. Franco also reviewed the positive reaction from staff to hearing that no positions were being eliminated and salaries were not being adjusted due to COVID budget concerns at this time.

**Governance Update**

Ms. Franco introduced the board to two new board candidates who attended the meeting. August governance meeting will be held on August 13, 2020. At that meeting we will discuss board and staff training delivered through the Center for Racial Justice.

**Real Estate Update**

Ms. Franco updated the board on ongoing work with Matter Real Estate as well as her desire to select KSS as the architect (top rated of the five firms that answered the RFP) for the first phase of the elementary school project. Mr. Hubbard called for a board resolution to delegate authority to Ms. Franco to finalize the contract.

- *Motion: For the board to delegate authority to the Ms. Franco to finalize the contract with KSS. Mr. Gilbert moved to approve the motion, with Mr. Hasko seconding. All approved but Mr. Edison Bardowell, who abstained, and the motion passed.*

**Academic Accountability Update**

Mr. Favrol Philemy updated the board on ECHS's graduation statistics. Overall graduation rate was 85.7%, well above district, city, and state rates, and also above ECHS 2019 rate. Mr. Philemy also updated the board on HS summer programs, and some of the challenges of teaching HS students virtually in the summer, as attendance has flagged in the early going. Ms. Amada Huza updated the board on the middle school's promotion policy and summer school plans. Ms. Jocelyn Kelly then updated the board on upcoming high-level schedule changes for the middle school for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ms. Franco updated the board on a recent survey to staff regarding their views on ECS's approach to racial equity, as well as next steps.

Ms. Franco then updated the board on back-to-school plans, including parent survey results.

**Adjournment**

There was then a motion and approval for the meeting to adjourn.

Ajourned - 8:21pm

  
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