

Bellevue Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

6:00 pm, Thursday, February 22, 2018
LRC

Board Members Present: Diane Apol, Rich Begert, Ruth Burnett, Bill Cox, Kevin Dunning, Roxanne Kidd, Scott Lampe, Kirsten Miller, Steve Sirich, Brock Weedman

Board Members Absent: David Burnett, Kelly Curran

Staff Members Present: Sharon Jessup, Juliann Phillips

Guests:

Call to Order: Ruth Burnett called the meeting to order at 6:05

1. Devotions:

Scott Lampe gave the devotion and stressed that what God has chosen to put into our hands is God's will not our own. Perhaps the Capital Campaign has been placed in the Board's hands as God's will for BCS at this time.

2. Minutes: Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 Board Meeting.
Motion Passed

3. Reports

Juliann Phillips – Preschool

Preschool is moving forward to become more a part of the community. Changes are in process in working with Ann and Kay to match the preschool process with K-12 students in order to make it a more natural progression when they move up in grade level. There was a jump in Mack PS numbers last year. Tft is now being introduced to PS teachers.

We are in the process of getting 3 Points preschool licensed. Tony has the experience and at this time, we have the right staff. The plan is to be ready by March where it can potentially be open in September and have extended care. We are currently working on tuition with Mark Stingley. The State of Washington has the Early Achievers rating system and will supply support to our PS. We currently have a capacity for 26 and are now at 20/21.

Documents presented: none

Rich Begert – Facilities Update

There was currently a lengthy meeting at Sacred Heart and the Archdiocese including their architect, facilities manager, pastor, new CFO, and lawyer. We sent them a Letter of Intent concerning the shared use concept of their soccer field. We should receive a response this week. They cannot do a perpetual easement but could do a 30 year lease arrangement. The city of Clyde Hill must approve it. There was discussion about the upkeep of the field that SH would pay for the upkeep after 30 years and BCS would pay for the next 30 years. John Norman did an excellent job representing us. Their lawyer was very impressive. We hope to hear within the next week so we can move forward on things such as geotechnical testing, an environmental impact study, surveys and fees, and obtaining schematic designs.

Documents presented: none

Kevin Dunning – Superintendent Highlights

Enrollment – 770 for the fall so far. 81.2% re-enrolled. 6th grade is a fairly small class. We currently hired a new tech manager and tech specialist. Our plan is to go ahead with 1 to 1 for next year.

Building - We are nearing the end of the window to start construction at the end of June 2019. Cost goes up 3.1M if we wait but if we go ahead and do schematics, etc while waiting it can move things along somewhat. There is confidence that the LOI will happen soon. Can we trigger the schematic design now at \$1.1M and pay it out over 4 months? It was recommended by Kevin and Rich to start the process as it is going to happen anyway. The Capital Campaign could also be a factor. Timing would have to work in order to start June 2019. We have identified \$70M in asks, could get 50% of that. It is reasonable we could raise \$35M at this point.

Motion was made and passed to approve the use of \$1.1M for the schematic design for the building project.

Education Committee – Kim Jewett is heading the committee and they endorse suspending the Education Committee for two years but asked for clarification on the substantive Part D of the proposal. A Director of Curriculum and Innovation will be hired to ensure the education committee functions will still be initiated and will report to the Board annually or bi-annually as needed. A job description is being created. The three principals, Stephen and Kevin will be on the hiring committee with interviews expected to start the end of March.

Motion was made and passed to approve suspension of policy 3603 until the 2020 school year.

Documents presented: Report

4. Administrative Recommendations –

1. NWAIS membership – There was discussion on joining NWAIS. The cost would be \$23,500 to join based on our current enrollment. They may ask for Board approval. We would stay with CSI along with NWAIS. Application would be made for the 2018-19 school year if approved. The Board asked Kevin to bring back the proposal in March with language added saying that (1) we would maintain membership in and accreditation through CSI, and (2) joining NWAIS was in no way to be construed as BCS leaving its mission as a Christian school.
2. Community prayer – the meetings are down to 2 or 3 people in attendance each month. Maybe it would be more beneficial to discontinue this prayer meeting and do a “fresh restart” for the Capital Campaign when the time is appropriate. Parent groups, District Office, etc. are having ongoing prayer meetings at each campus as well.
3. That the Board recommend to the Corporation the following change to the bylaws:
Current (Bylaw)

ARTICLE XV Nondiscrimination

It is the policy of Bellevue Christian School to admit students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at Bellevue Christian School. It is the school's policy not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Proposed

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As a Christian educational institution in the Reformed tradition, Bellevue Christian School is permitted and reserves the right to prefer students, employees or prospective employees on the basis of religion.

Rationale: This better reflects our practice and contemporary non-discrimination statements.

That the Board adopt the following changes to policy 6104, pending approval by the Corporation of Article XV of the bylaws:

Current

6104 Nondiscrimination

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Rationale: This would align with the bylaw change.

Motion was made for the Board to adopt the changes to **Policy 6104** as presented, pending approval by the Corporation of Article XV of the bylaws. **Motion passed.**

4. **Action:** Approve Audit Report for 2017-2018.

Motion was made and passed to approve the Audit Report for the 2017-2018 year.

5. **Meeting Adjourned:** Motion was made to adjourn.

Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Upcoming dates:

BCS Community Prayer meeting will be held at the Clyde Hill Campus Large Conference Room from 7-8 PM on February 26th.

March Board meeting will be on the 15th, 6:00 p.m. LRC.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jessup on behalf of Rich Begert, Secretary

Ruth Burnett, President