

True North Rochester Preparatory Charter School
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
September 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberger at 12:05pm.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken and a quorum was found present.

Trustees Present: Josh Phillips
 Geoffrey Rosenberger
 Jim Ryan
 Rebecca Sumner
 Ron Zarrella
 Jean Howard
 Dana Lehman
 Jim Gleason (via video)

Trustees Absent: Kevin Walker

Also Present:

Anna Hall	Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Rochester and Troy
Brian Marciano	Director of Operations, Rochester Prep Elementary School
Jaimie Brillante	Principal, Rochester Prep Elementary School
John Claypool	Director of Operations, Rochester Prep Middle School
Patrick Pastore	Principal, Rochester Prep Middle School
Paul Powell	Associate Managing Director, Uncommon Schools Rochester and Troy
Michael Sherry	Associate Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Eric O'Connor	Regional Special Projects Coordinator, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Kim DeLarge	Director of College Access and Success, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Megan Britt	Director of Strategic Initiatives, Uncommon Schools Boston, Troy, and Rochester

Approval of Minutes

The following motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2015, board meeting.

Motion: Jean Howard
Second: Rebecca Sumner
Vote: Approved unanimously

Public Comment

No public comments were made

Campus update- Jay Street Elementary School

Jaimie Brillante and Brian Marciano provided an update on summer PD, staffing, construction/facilities, enrollment and their curriculum night.

Campus update- Brooks Middle School

Patrick Pastore provided an update on Brooks' campus culture. John Claypool provided updates on digital math to boost math literacy and tech fluency, the reopening of their science lab, enrollment, and staffing. The board and Uncommon staff also discussed the hiring shortage and how to attract a larger and high quality pool of candidates.

Student Enrollment

Michael Sherry provided an update on enrollment, backfilling, and school level transitions.

College Access & Success Update

Kim DeLarge presented the strategic plan for College Access and Success program.

Amendment for Staff Preference in Lottery

Anna Hall provided an update on the new law allowing staff preference for students of Rochester Prep employees.

The board voted to approve the revision of the admissions policy to give preference to children of employees.

Motion: Jean Howard
Second: Jim Ryan
Vote: Approved unanimously

2014 NY State Test Score Presentation

Anna Hall presented the 2014 NY State test scores and highlighted notable results. Paul Powell discussed Algebra test scores and the approach at Rochester Prep High School to improve scores.

Facility Update

Anna Hall provided an update that a response to Rochester City's Request for Proposal indicating interest in both available buildings has been submitted. 432 Chili Avenue has been purchased and construction will begin in near future.

Financial Update

Anna Hall and Michael Sherry provided an update on August financial statements.

Charter Renewal Process Update

Anna Hall provided an update on the charter renewal process with SUNY. On October 20, 2015 at 5:00 pm there will be a board interview and everyone should be prepared to speak to experiences with Rochester Prep and Uncommon.

Executive session

A brief executive session was held.