



TECH Freire

Charter High School

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 14, 2018

Location: 1026 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Board attendees: Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson (via phone), Bruce Lesser, Dave Shahriari, Scott Solomon

Board members absent: David Bryant, Bruce Levine, Lanora Wells

Other attendees: Paul Archibald, Leigh Botwinik, Kelly Davenport, Aliya Griffin, Sarah Grugan, Gerald Escovitz, Nicole Jenkins, Max Matthews, Johnny Mills, Chris Moore, Eric Muller (via phone), Beth Packel, Laur

a Parise, Bill Ray, Julia Regan Fanelli, Hillary Sorin, Khaleh Walker (FCHS student representative), Gianni Williams (FCHS student representative), Lorraine White, Jimmi Young-Hamilton (TECH Freire student representative), Chris Zagacki

8:06 AM, meeting called to order.

I. Public Comment

- a. There was no public comment.

II. Resolutions

- a. Change of Registered Office
 - i. Max Matthews reviews a Change of Registered Office form that would change TECH Freire's registered administrative address to 2221 N. Broad Street, rather than 2027 Chestnut Street (Freire High School, TECH Freire's temporary administrative location prior to TECH Freire's opening).
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the change of registered office. Dawn Eubanks seconds the motion.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.
- b. Minutes from December 13, 2017 Board Meeting
 - i. The Board reviews the minutes from the December 13, 2017 Board Meeting.
 - ii. Bill Brinkman makes a motion to approve the minutes. Dawn Eubanks seconds the motion.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.
- c. EITC Funds and Robotics Donation
 - i. Bill Ray reviews a memo recommending that the Board approve receipt from the Freire Foundation of \$100,889 of EITC funds, \$37,500 of pledged EITC funds, and \$83,850 of grant funds from PSP.
 - ii. Bill Brinkman makes a motion to approve receipt of the funds, pending approval from the Freire Foundation Board of Directors. Bruce Lesser seconds the motion.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.
- d. Form 990
 - i. Bill Ray reviews TECH Freire Charter School's Form 990 for the 2016-17 year.
 - ii. Bill Brinkman makes a motion to approve the Form 990. Dawn Eubanks seconds the motion.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.
- e. Revisions to TECH Freire Bylaws

- i. Max Matthews reviews proposed changes to the Bylaws of TECH Freire Charter School's Board of Directors, including a proposed change in the length of TECH Freire Board members' terms from two years to three years; updating TECH Freire's address; simplifying the anti-discrimination policy to match Freire Charter School's; and changing the word "chairman" to "chair."
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the proposed change. Bill Brinkman seconds the motion.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.
 - f. Banking Change
 - i. Bill Ray reviews a proposed plan for TECH Freire to move its financial accounts to M&T Bank, noting that a phased approach would be taken to the transition and that other Freire schools might follow later.
 - ii. Bruce Lesser makes a motion to approve the banking change, pending approval from the school's leadership. Bill Brinkman seconds the motion.
 - iii. Bill Brinkman, Dawn Eubanks, Matt Johnson, Bruce Lesser, and Scott Solomon vote in favor of the motion. There are no votes against and no abstentions. The motion passes.

III. School Reports

- a. Student Council Update
 - i. Jimmi Young-Hamilton shares an update on the work the Student Council has done so far in the 2017-18 school year, noting that Student Council is working to organize TECH Freire's first junior prom.
- b. Staff Update
 - i. Sarah Grugan, Co-Head of School for Academics, updates the Board on TECH Freire's progress into the third quarter, noting that the winter wave of Keystone exams has been administered.
- c. School Report and Data Packet
 - i. Dave Shahriari and Leigh Botwinik review up-to-date data for TECH Freire, including year to date information on average daily attendance rates, attrition, and suspensions. Dave notes that enrollment for the 2018-19 school year is strong.
 - ii. Leigh reviews key statistics and talking points that Board members can refer to when discussing TECH Freire with potential friends of the school.
- d. Building Update
 - i. Dave Shahriari notes that the roof of TECH Freire's school building has been determined to need replacement, and that three proposals are currently under evaluation. Some piping in the building will need to be replaced as well.
- e. Philadelphia Inquirer Articles
 - i. The Board reviews two articles discussing charter schools in Philadelphia, and discusses the current political environment for charter schools.

IV. Financials

- a. December 2017 Financial Packet
 - i. Bill Ray reviews TECH Freire Charter School's December 2017 financials.

V. Advancement

- a. Advancement Update
 - i. Hillary Sorin updates the Board on year to date advancement and fundraising progress. Kelly Davenport discusses advancement planning and brainstorming.
 - ii. Hillary discusses the upcoming Summer Uptown event, noting that the event will honor Steve Goodman, that David L. Cohen will present an award honoring Steve, and that Bob Moul and Austin Hendrix are co-chairing the event.
 - iii. Hillary explains the recent Calculator Club volunteering event that was held at Freire Middle School.
- b. Advancement Committee
 - i. Hillary notes that the Advancement Committee has met twice, and has a third meeting coming up.

VI. Board Committee Reports

- a. Education Committee
 - i. Gerald Escovitz and Leigh Botwinik review the Education Committee's recent work, noting that in March Freire teachers and leaders will visit high-performing schools in Washington, DC. Leigh notes that FS Investments is running a family education program at Freire High School focused on helping families learn to invest money.

VII. Governance

- a. Statements of Financial Interests
 - i. The Board reviews the Statement of Financial Interests forms that need to be filled out for 2017.
- b. Director of Learning
 - i. Kelly Davenport notes that hiring for a Director of Learning has been put on hold until the spring, when more education-focused candidates are likely to be available.

10:13 AM, meeting adjourned.