MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 14, 2019, 5:30pm
GCVS Office, 238 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Greenfield Massachusetts 01301

Board of Trustees: John Lunt, Fernando Fleury, Doug Wilkins
Excused Absence(s): Dr. Jessica Biggie, Daryl Essensa
Senior Leadership Team Members: Dr. Salah Khelfaoui, Interim Executive Director; Marc Richard, Director of Business Services

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
Mr. Lunt called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

II. Approval of Minutes January 14, 2019

Motion by Mr. Wilkins; seconded by Mr. Fleury, to approve the minutes as presented.

Vote: (3-0-0)

III. Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Wilkins; Mr. Fleury seconded, vote to enter into Executive Session under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 30A, Section 21, Part (a)(2) to discuss contract negotiations with nonunion personnel as doing so in an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the Board.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Fleury – yes, Mr. Wilkins – yes, Mr. Lunt – yes.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:34pm.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:47pm.

IV. Public Comment – None

V. Reports / Action Items
A. Business Manager’s Report
   - Mr. Richard met with DESE finance on Friday and confirmed the rate of payback through June 2019 for the overpayment made.
- We are keeping a close watch on Average Daily Membership as it relates to funding.
- There are no budget concerns or issues to report.
- Concerning the FY20 benefits, the Hampshire Council of Governments has advised that there will be no rate increases for the medical and dental insurance coverage.
- DESE has confirmed a 3.75% increase per pupil for FY20.

B. Interim Executive Director’s Report
- Dr. Khelfaoui reported enrollment is currently at 606 students. The virtual Open Houses have been well attended and we are continuing to enroll students.
- Joan Simonelli, our Data/Enrollment Specialist, is working on the PowerSchool enrollment module which we will be using for the 2019-2020 school year.
- The asynchronous model has launched and is going well.
- Mr. Lunt stated that he would like to see a discussion on the asynchronous vs. synchronous model and the philosophy behind it – how the blend will work.
- Dr. Khelfaoui stated he has been thinking about goals to focus on including reaching the enrollment cap (750 students) within two years and improving student performance.
- There are several other initiatives he plans to bring forward for consideration –
  - Making the asynchronous model a permanent program and introducing an alternative program.
  - He is meeting with the President of GCC to discuss implementing a hybrid program where courses taken in the last two years of high school would be recognized by Community Colleges or students could take classes there. This would require the flexibility an asynchronous model could offer.
  - Implementing a gifted student program
- The DESE site visit response has been received and the Senior Leadership Team has been working on our response which is due on February 15th.
- Our certificate renewal is scheduled to be discussed at the March 26th meeting of the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE). The BESE would like to have both Dr. Khelfaoui and Mr. Lunt register to speak at the meeting.
- A parent has expressed interest in joining the Board of Trustees and has been advised to submit a letter and resume.

C. Report of Ad Hoc Subcommittees
- The Budget and Policy Subcommittees have not met since the last Board meeting.

D. Report of the Chair / Other Business
- Mr. Lunt reported that the discussion held in Executive Session was regarding the Executive Director position moving forward.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins; seconded by Mr. Fleury, move to remove the Interim title from Dr. Khelfaoui’s position and direct the Chair to enter into negotiations for a long term contract with Dr. Khelfaoui.

Vote: (3-0-0)
- Mr. Lunt would like everyone to think about the possibilities moving forward focusing on the great things we can do for our students.
- Requested that the sub-committees meet before the next meeting and report.

Next Meeting Date – Monday March 11, 2019 at 5:30pm

E. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Wilkins; seconded by Mr. Fleury, move to adjourn meeting.

Vote: (3-0-0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:24pm