

TVM School Board of Directors Special Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: September 13, 2021

Board Members Present: Rosie Donnelly, AJ Engelmeyer, Pat Witchel, Frederick Matthews, Jennifer Borr, Michelle Kane

Board Members via Zoom: Maureen McDonough

Other Attendees: Kelly Mangel, Lori Guth, Adam Blanco

Quorum: YES

Minutes By: Pat Witchel

Location: TVM

Opening Comments

- Rosie calls the meeting to order 5:10 pm.

1. Requests to modify Agenda

- Motion by Rosie Donnelly to vote on new Board Member applicant Adam Blanco, seconded by AJ Engelmeyer, motion passes.
- Motion by Michelle Kane to add an item rescinding the vote taken at the August 25, 2021, meeting that approved the opt-in on School Grade as an “A” rated school. Seconded by Pat Witchel, motion passes.
- Motion by Frederick Matthews to add discussion of a call made earlier in the day between himself, Pat Witchel, members of the Vellanti family, and their attorney. Seconded by AJ Engelmeyer, motion passes.
- Motion by Rosie Donnelly to discuss the copier lease agreement, seconded by AJ Engelmeyer, motion passes.
- Motion by Frederick Matthews to add discussion and vote on the search for an Assistant Principal, seconded by Pat Witchel, motion passes.
- Motion by Maureen McDonough to add a SAC announcement, seconded by Rosie Donnelly, motion passes.
- Motion by Rosie Donnelly to correct the date on the Board Agenda (scrivener’s error), seconded by AJ Engelmeyer, motion passes.

1. **Public Comment:** Whitney MacEachern spoke as the parent of a 7th grader. She requested the Board consider a mandatory mask requirement for students and that options be given to students in quarantine so that they do not miss learning. Luanne Bradley spoke as a

First-Grade teacher and requested a mask mandate. Rosie Donnelly stated that consideration of a mask mandate will be made at the September 22, 2021, meeting.

- 2. Fortress Call:** The Vellanti family agreed to hold a vote before our next meeting on a proposed counteroffer:

Purchase price \$3,500,000 including the adjacent vacant lot; seller financing of \$2,500,000 at 4% (financial term TBD); no prepayment penalty. This results in a payment of approximately \$12,000/month at 4% for 30 years (below current rent).

If approved, TVM would need down payment of approximately \$1,000,000.

If we cannot agree on purchase terms, the family would consider reducing rent to a more sustainable level and may consider counting the rent from the next 6 months towards the purchase price if we can agree on purchase price and terms.

- 3. Principal Presentation:** Kelly Mangel provided an update on the Covid situation at TVM.

- 4. Board Business:**

- **Modulars:** Frederick Matthews moved to postpone a vote on whether to move forward with the modular until we receive a response from Fortress, Michelle Kane seconded. This motion failed four to three. Michelle Kane motioned to vote on moving forward with the modulars, seconded by AJ Engelmeyer, motion passes with Frederick Matthews voting no.
- **Motion to approve Adam Blanco as a new Board Member:** motion by Rosie Donnelly to approve, seconded by Pat Witchel, motion passes.
- **Mask Mandate:** Michelle Kane provided the Notice of Emergency Rule promulgated by the Florida Department of Health. This specifically prohibits mask mandates without an opt-out provision by parents or guardians. The State is likely to reword the order within 30-60 days. This will be discussed at the Monroe County School Board meeting on September 21, 2021. Discussion tabled to next meeting.
- **Opt-in on "A" Rated School:** Motion to rescind approval made at prior meeting by Rosie Donnelly, seconded by Maureen McDonough, motion passes.
- **Copier Lease:** Two bids were received, which resulted in savings of \$1,000 per year for 5 years. Motion by AJ Engelmeyer to accept bid by Keys Business Solutions, seconded by Frederick Matthews, motion passes.
- **Search for Vice Principal:** Rosie Donnelly moves to approve a search committee comprised of Maureen McDonough and Adam Blanco. Seconded by Michelle Kane, motion passes.

- 5. Housekeeping**

SAC: Maureen McDonough reports the first meeting of the SAC will be 10/25/2021 at 3:30 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED 7:25 PM