

**Board Meeting Minutes
KC International Academy
May 24, 2022 at 2:00pm**

Call to Order

The KC International Academy Board meeting was called to order by Ramsey Atieh at 2:07pm with a quorum.

Those Governing Board Members present: Ramsey Atieh, Pat Johnston, Jauqua Preston Wilkins, and Tanesha Thompson.

Those Governing Board members absent: Joycelyn Strickland-Egans

Others Present: David Leone, Bane Ballou, Jennifer Wilson, Hannah VanAusdal, Jamie Jansen, and Kate McDowell. Also present were Anne Nichols and Nan Dong with EdOps and Scott Hefner with Bukaty Companies.

Welcome Guests

None

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Jauqua Preston Wilkins to approve the agenda, as amended, to add “MCPSC Determination of Performance Status” and to remove “Transportation Contract” under Superintendent’s Report. Pat Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Pat Johnston to approve the April 27, 2022, regular meeting minutes as presented. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

None

Open Forum/New Business

None

Finance Report:

- Anne Nichols reviewed the April 2022 monthly financial reports.

Motion by Pat Johnston to approve the April 2022 check register. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- David Leone informed the Board that HB 1552 (funding equity) passed the House and is on the Governor’s desk. The Governor has until July 14, 2022, to sign, which would make the bill effective August 28, 2022. The bill has a clause that charter Board members must live in Missouri.

Superintendent’s Report

- Scott Hefner with Bukaty Companies presented employee benefits renewals. Blue Cross Blue Shield’s initial bid was a 6.9% increase for medical, so additional bids were solicited. Aetna’s bid was a 12.5% decrease from the current BCBS rate. Rates for BCBS dental and vision renewals, along with voluntary life through Mutual of Omaha, did not increase. The proposal recommended a scheduled contribution model not to exceed an employer contribution rate of \$433.76 per employee per month towards medical, down from \$469.62 for 2021-22. Employees

on the Open Access Elect Choice \$3500 I-35 EPO plan would pay \$5 per pay period. The employer contribution for dental and vision would remain at 50% of the employee only plans.

Motion by Pat Johnston to accept Aetna's medical proposal with a scheduled contribution model not to exceed an employer contribution rate of \$433.76 per employee per month. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pat Johnston to approve BCBS dental/vision and Mutual of Omaha employer paid life as presented by Bukaty Companies. Tanesha Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Jennifer Wilson noted that FACE Team is a finalist in MCPSA's Innovative Team Award.
- Jennifer Wilson reported 2022-23 enrollment of 669 out of 687 total seats available TK-8th. 96% of current students have re-enrolled. Summer school 2022 dates are May 31-June 24, 2022. Enrollment is currently 415, but attendance is normally between 250-280.
- Jennifer Wilson reviewed the 2022-23 Pre-K Cooperative MOU between KCIA and the KC Pre-K Cooperative, which is managed by School Smart KC, Inc.

Motion by Tanesha Thompson to approve the 2022-23 Pre-K Cooperative MOU between KCIA and the KC Pre-K Cooperative as presented. Pat Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Kate McDowell provided a Curriculum and Instruction update.
- David Leone reviewed the janitorial services contract between KCIA and Total Facilities Maintenance (TFM).

Motion by Tanesha Thompson to approve the janitorial services contract between KCIA and TFM for the 2022-23 school year. Pat Johnston seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- David Leone shared the current personnel report.

Motion by Pat Johnston to approve the personnel report as presented. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- Principals Hannah VanAusdal and Jamie Jansen shared elementary and middle school happenings and upcoming events.
- David Leone advised that two bids were received for the three building projects: 2nd/3rd floor restrooms, gym renovation, and addition of an activity space. His recommendation was that the Board accept the bid from AL Huber for \$1,044,698.

Motion by Pat Johnston to accept the bid from AL Huber for \$1,044,698. Tanesha Thompson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- David Leone gave a brief overview of the MCPSC Determination of Performance Status and advised it will be added to the June agenda for further discussion.
- David Leone advised that he met with a real estate agent to pursue the purchase of some properties adjacent to KCIA and should have more information to share at the June meeting.

President's Report

- David Leone contacted Blaque KC, a political organization working with Show Me KC Schools, to ask if KCIA can participate in the charter school Board draft in July. KCIA is number 12 in the draft. Candidates will be presented to the Board in June to review and pick the top candidates.

Motion by Pat Johnston to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021, subsection 3 at 3:13pm. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Roll call: Ramsey Atieh – yes, Pat Johnston – yes, Jauqua Preston Wilkins – yes, Tanesha Thompson – yes.

Regular session reconvened at 3:30pm.

Motion by Pat Johnston to reconvene regular session at 3:30pm. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Roll call: Ramsey Atieh – yes, Pat Johnston – yes, Jauqua Preston Wilkins – yes, Tanesha Thompson - yes.

Motion by Pat Johnston to adjourn at 3:30pm. Jauqua Preston Wilkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next regular meeting will be in-person at KCIA on Tuesday, June 28, 2022, at 4:00pm.

Ramsey Atieh, Board President

Jauqua Preston Wilkins, Board Secretary

Bane Ballou, Records Custodian