

# Rocky Mountain Preparatory School

Minutes of the Full Board of Directors Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 10:00am - 12:00pm MST

A meeting of the Full Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Preparatory School ("RMPS") was held by conference line 312-626-6799, on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 10:00am. Notice of the meeting was duly given pursuant to Section 4, Article IV of the RMPS Bylaws and the Colorado Open Meetings Law (C.R.S. §24-6-401, et. seq.).

**Board & committee members in attendance**: Lee White, Jill Hamilton Anschutz, Pat Donovan, Chidozie Ugwumba, Charlotte Brantley, Maureen Vazquez, Lydia Prado, Russell Hedman, Therese Zosel-Harper

Invited participants in attendance: James Cryan (RMP), Indrina Kanth (RMP), Greg Rawson (RMP), Fulton Breen (RMP), Sara Taylor (RMP), Sarah Lynch (RMP), Rachel Van Brocklin (RMP), Lela Johnston (RMP), Hannah Marck (Secretary)(RMP), Jessica Thwaites (Berkeley Parent Board Member Nominee), Matt Meyer (Denver Public Schools), Cecilia Soto (Denver Public Schools, Samuel Liddell (Denver Public Schools)

The following materials were presented in advance:

- 1) Agenda
- 2) Previous meeting minutes
- 3) Jessica Thwaites bio
- 4) Resolution drafts
  - a) DPS Bond and Mill Levy
  - b) Proposition EE Nicotine Products Tax
  - c) Amendment B Repeal Gallagher
  - d) RMP Educational Process

#### Quorum and Call to Order

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 10:00am MST. Charlotte Brantley presided as Board Chair and Hannah Marck took minutes.

# **Approvals**

### Meeting agenda

The agenda for the October meeting of the Full Board of Directors was reviewed and approved by the Board.



# Meeting minutes

The minutes for the June meeting of the Full Board of Directors were reviewed and approved by the board.

Nomination and election of Jessica Thwaites for RMP Berkeley Parent Board Member Lee moved to a motion, Russell seconded the motion, unanimous yes vote

Nomination and election of Maureen Vazquez for RMP Southwest Parent Board Member Pat moved to a motion, Lydia seconded the motion, unanimous yes vote

Nomination and election of Therese Zosel-Harper to the Education Committee Chair Russell moved to a motion, Lydia seconded the motion, unanimous yes vote

# **DPS Bond & Mill Levy**

Pat moved to a motion to approve, seconded by Russell, unanimous yes vote to support the resolution to support the DPS Bond & Mill Levy allowing for \$795 million in bond funding to build and maintain DPS facilities and \$32 million in school-based investment in priorities such as mental health, nursing, and special education support.

## **Proposition EE Nicotine Products Tax**

A split vote amongst the board with 6 votes not to support the resolution, and 4 votes to support the resolution. RMP will not move forward with supporting the resolution that would increase taxes on cigarettes and tobacco products, create a new tax on nicotine products, including vaping products; and would distribute the new revenue to expanded preschool programs, as well as to K-12 education, rural schools, affordable housing, eviction assistance, tobacco education, and health care.

# Amendment B Repeal Gallagher

Lee moved to a motion approve, seconded by Pat, unanimous yes vote to support the resolution to preserve funding for local districts that provide K-12 education as well as other critically necessary services such as fire protection, ambulances, police, etc. without increasing property tax rates.

#### **RMP Educational Process**

Charlotte moved to a motion to approve, seconded by Chidozie, unanimous yes vote to support the resolution in which for the 2020 - 2021 school year RMP commits to follow and abide by COVID-19 best practices while still meeting state requirements.



# **Public Comment**

No public comment was given.

### **Discussions**

# **Committee Updates**

Therese gave an education committee update with what to expect from the education committee this year. Sara Taylor gave current program highlights and areas of improvement.

Pat gave a brief business committee update, sharing that we continue to be in good financial standing for this year.

Jill gave a brief external relations committee update, sharing a brief fundraising update and the impacts of COVID fundraising.

### **Executive Session**

Following a motion and unanimous vote, the Board resolved into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. \$24-6-402(4)(f)(I) to discuss personnel matters. The discussion in executive session was recorded pursuant to C.R.S. \$24-6-402(d)(I).

Following a motion and unanimous vote, the Board resolved out of executive session with no action taken during executive session.

# Adjournment

There being no further business, Full Board Chair, Charlotte Brantley adjourned the meeting at 12:01pm MST.