

True North Rochester Prep Charter School
Board of Trustees Meeting - Minutes
December 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rosenberger at 2:00 pm.

Roll Call

The roll call was taken and a quorum was found present.

Trustees Present: Geoffrey Rosenberger
James Ryan
Rebecca Sumner
Jean Howard
Ron Zarella
Josh Phillips (via videoconference)
James Gleason (via videoconference)
James Barger (arrived late, at 2:15 pm)

Trustees Absent: (none)

Also Present:

Anna Hall	Chief Operating Officer, Uncommon Schools Rochester, Troy, and Boston
Christy Hendler	Director of Strategic Initiatives, Uncommon Schools Rochester
Eric O'Connor	Regional Director of Special Projects, Uncommon Schools Rochester

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

1001 Lake Avenue Lease

Geoffrey Rosenberger shared that the lease for the new high school location at 1001 Lake Avenue is still being negotiated. Geoff, Anna Hall and Greg Nearpass (legal counsel from Vaisey, Nicholson & Nearpass) reviewed the lease the evening before the board meeting and had proposed changes to the landlord, Education Success Network (ESN). Rochester Prep is currently awaiting a response from ESN.

Mr. Rosenberger contacted SUNY to determine the appropriate next steps for approving the lease. Even though the final lease document is not yet available, SUNY indicated that the board could

choose to vote today to empower Geoff to negotiate the final details of the lease on behalf of the board. The final version of the lease must also be approved by SUNY. Geoff hopes to receive the final version of the lease before the holiday break.

Anna Hall responded to board members' questions about the new high school space, Education Success Network, the proposed Lake Ave. lease terms, and the status of the lease with Rochester City School District at 175 Martin Street.

There was a motion to empower Geoffrey Rosenberger and Anna Hall to negotiate the final lease terms with Education Success Network and to authorize Geoffrey Rosenberger to sign the lease on behalf of the Rochester Prep board, with an acknowledgement that there may be minor changes to the current red-lined version of the lease.

Motion: James Gleason

Second: James Barger

Vote: 7 Approved; 1 Abstained.

Approved: Geoffrey Rosenberger, James Ryan, Rebecca Sumner, Jean Howard, Ron Zarella, James Gleason, and James Barger.

Abstained: Josh Phillips.

Additional Discussion

Plans for the January 10, 2018 board meeting were briefly discussed. Anna Hall shared that we hope to hold the next meeting in a building adjacent to the new high school, and board members suggested several topics for the meeting agenda.

Josh Phillips and James Gleason had to leave the meeting at 2:42 pm.

The remaining Board members discussed the chain of events that led to the Rochester Prep High School move.

Meeting adjourned

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Jim Ryan

Second: Rebecca Sumner

Vote: Approved unanimously

Time: 3:00 pm