

Howard Gardner MI Charter School

Special Public Board Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2020

The Howard Gardner MI Charter School (HGMICS) held a Special Public Board of Trustees virtual meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, June 25, 2020. The HGMICS facility is located at 1615 East Elm Street, Scranton, PA; however, due to the state mandated closure this meeting was held virtually. Dr. Susan Trussler, President, called the meeting to order at 4:49 PM and then subsequently presided over the meeting. Dr. Trussler led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and then took roll call for the board members and administrators.

The following Trustees attended: Dr. Susan Trussler, John Ezbiansky, Laila Kane, Stephanie Westington, Laurie Cadden, Sam Ceccacci, Susan Hennemuth, Dr. Clarence Lamanna, Aaron Nivert, and Dr. Fran Langan. Absent was Dr. John Ruddy.

Also, in attendance: Dr. Marie George, CEO; TreeAnne McEnery, Interim Principal; Chuck Wallinger, Business Manager; and Janet Kania, School Secretary. Absent was Kimberly Kost Scanlon, Esq., School Counsel.

Dr. Susan Trussler welcomed visitors and announced that this was a special public board meeting to discuss relevant issues that are time sensitive and need to be voted on by the Board of Trustees. However, visitors may comment on the topics on the meeting agenda. Visitors must state their name and school district affiliation. At this time, the visitors virtually in attendance had no comments or questions regarding the agenda. The meeting proceeded.

I. CEO Report: Update on Building Addition

Dr. Marie George

Dr. George reported that interviews had been conducted with firms for the Construction Manager as Advisor for the building addition. Two firms submitted bids and met with the staff and two Board members. The firms were Quandel Construction and Sordoni Construction Services, Inc.. Both firms presented their bids and then toured the facility. Laura Mills, Architect from Hemmler + Camayd was present at both meetings and provided additional questions during the interview process. Recommendations were then presented to the Finance/Facilities Committee.

In addition, interviews were conducted with two viable candidates for the position of Director of Facilities and Security. A recommendation had then been presented to the Personnel Committee.

II. Finance/Facilities Committee Construction Manager as Advisor

Stephanie Westington

Stephanie Westington stated that after careful consideration the recommendation to approve an agreement with Sordoni Construction Services, Inc was brought to the Board of Trustees. With no further discussion, a **MOTION** to approve the agreement with Sordoni Construction Services, Inc to provide the services of a Construction Manager as Advisor to the HGMICS building addition project, effective immediately through the period of bidding and construction up to occupancy, at a cost of \$152,283 plus additional services needed (e.g. cost estimating, value engineering, additional

superintendent time) not to exceed \$50,000, for a total cost not to exceed \$202,283, as submitted, was made by Dr. Clarence Lamanna, and seconded by Aaron Nivert. At this time all Trustees present voted in favor of approving Sordoni Construction Services, Inc as Construction Manager as Advisor to HGMICS, with one Trustees absent.

**III. Personnel Committee
Director, Facilities and Security**

Dr. Susan Trussler

Dr. Susan Trussler recommended that Joseph Ross be appointed to the position of Director, Facilities and Security. With no further discussion, the **MOTION** to appoint Joseph Ross as Director, Facilities and Security effective July 20, 2020 at an annual salary of \$65,000 and benefits not to exceed 28% or \$18,200, for a total not to exceed \$83,200 was made by Dr. Fran Langan and seconded by Sam Ceccacci. Nine Trustees present voted in favor of appointing Joseph Ross as Director, Facilities and Security; John Ezbiansky abstained and one Trustees was absent.

IV. Adjournment

Dr. Susan Trussler

At this time, Dr. Trussler asked if there were any new business items that needed to be presented or discussed. Without hearing any, Dr. Trussler asked for a motion to adjourn.

At 5:30 PM, no further items of business or comments were raised. A **MOTION** to adjourn was made by Dr. Trussler and accepted by all Board of Trustees present, with one Trustees absent.

The next HGMICS Public Board meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**