

August 21, 2024

Annual Meeting Minutes

1. **Katie Gerski Keller called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call –**  
**Board Members:** Katie Gerski-Keller, Adam Errington, Ekaterina Khmelniker (arrived at 5:00 p.m.), Meredith Wilsen.  
**Board Members Absent:** Stephen Quadro.  
**Guests:** Caleb Buckley, Ryan Sutton, Jennifer Hoover, Geniel Bratton, Claudia
3. **Board Member Exigencies and Remote Attendance –**  
**Action:** Shall the board approve any board members to participate in this board meeting from a remote location due to unexpected emergencies per AB 2449?  
**Information:** Members must publicly disclose at the meeting before any action is taken, whether any other individuals 18 years of age or older are present in the room at the remote location with the member, and if so, the general nature of the member's relationship with any such individuals; and ensure their meeting participation using both visual and audio technology.  
  
TABLED/NO VOTE
4. **Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence –** Executive Director Caleb Buckley read the Confidence Virtue Card.
5. **Public Comment – 4:35 p.m.**  
There were no public comments at River, Orchard, or the Zoom platform.
6. **Election of Officers to the Board**  
7.1 Chair – It was moved by Meredith Wilsen and seconded by Adam Errington that Katie Gerski Keller be elected Board of Trustees Chair.  
  
**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, K. Gerski-Keller)**  
  
7.2 Vice-Chair – It was moved by Katie Gerski-Keller and seconded by Ekaterina Khmelniker that Meredith Wilsen be elected Board of Trustees Vice-Chair.  
  
**(Ayes: 3, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, M. Wilsen)**  
  
7.3 Secretary –  
  
TABLED/NO VOTE
7. **Formation of Board Committees –**  
Shall the board form committees and appoint members for 2024/2025?  
  
8.1 It was moved by Katie Gerski-Keller and seconded by Meredith Wilsen that a Finance Committee be formed consisting of members Stephen Quadro and Adam Errington.

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(Ayes: 2, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1, A. Errington)

8.2 It was moved by Adam Errington and seconded by Meredith Willsen that the board form an Executive Director Review Committee consisting of members Katie Gerski-Keller and Meredith Willsen.

(Ayes: 2, Noes: 0, Abstain: 2, (K. Gerski-Keller, M. Willsen)

8. **Finance Report –**

The Executive Director made comments on the status of the 2024-2025 budget.

9. **Board Retreat Agenda Items –**

The board discussed potential agenda items (Grow Schools, Orchard Rechartering, Finance Deepdive (Susan Lefkowitz)) for their annual board retreat on September 26, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

10. **Faculty Reports –**

**Faculty Chair Report, Orchard:** The Faculty Chair, Uppekha Evans, presented items of interest to the board.

**Faculty Chair Report, River:** The Faculty Chair was absent. Principal Ryan Sutton presented items of interest to the board on Tavia Pagan's behalf.

11. **Executive Reports –**

**14.1 Executive Director Report:** The Executive Director presented items of interest to the board.

**14.2 Board Chair Report:** The Board of Trustees Chair will present items of interest to the board.

12. **Closed Session: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation–**

Action/Discussion: The board went into closed session to discuss significant exposure to litigation pursuant to § 54956.9(b): 1 case. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.

13. **The board recited the Motto of the Social Ethic –**

14. **Chair Katie Gerski-Keller Adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.**

*Respectfully submitted by Amala Easton.*

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Katie Gerski-Keller, Chair

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Date