

HYDE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
HYDE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LIBRARY
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2016

Board members present: L. Barry, C. Fagnant, P. Hayford

Others: Diane Reilly, Deborah Clark, Catherine Gallagher, Mike Ryan, Mark Dvorak, Radek Dvorak, Kathy Geiersbach, David Shambaugh, Paul Trudell, Rose Baraw, Rebecca Dennis, Heather Freeman, Carla Alexander, Donna Cullivan, Amy Murphy, Evaeth Greene, Dan Regan, Andrew Martin, Ralph Wiltshire, Olea Smith-Kaland, Maxine Adams, Gisele Miner

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. *Call to Order*

L. Barry called the meeting to order at 6:00.

2. *Approval of Agenda*

The agenda was approved by consent.

3. *Open Public Comment*

L. Barry asked that any public comment related to the petition to revote wait until the next agenda item. She asked if there were any comments on other topics.

M. Ryan said he came to hear first hand why the board did not take action on the petition in time to schedule a revote for August 9, the same day as the primary.

L. Barry said Raven Walters was out of town so she was acting chair. The board got a notice from Kim Moulton that the petition was received and signatures verified. L. Barry was not able to act on it the first week after the board was notified, as she was teaching all week. She needed to check with the district to find out when they would be available and what paperwork had to be written up and received from our lawyer. A holiday weekend slowed down the process as people were on vacation. As soon as the holiday was over she was in contact with the other board members. She could only get 3 board members who were able to come to this meeting.

M. Ryan asked if L. Barry was the only board member in town the week she was teaching. L. Barry said she was the acting chair so it was her responsibility. M. Ryan said a meeting could have been held electronically or by phone. Now there is a mess because there will be two different votes in two weeks.

L. Barry said she tried. It was not just a matter of getting the board together. She had to get paperwork from the lawyer and that wasn't able to be processed until last week. We tried the best we could.

4. *Take Action on Petition to Revote*

P. Hayford moved to accept the petition to revote, C. Fagnant seconded and the motion was passed.

L. Barry asked D. Clark to speak about the process and what needs to be done to make the revote happen. D. Clark said next the board needs to determine a vote date and act to accept a resolution, warning and ballot for the revote.

L. Barry said she had talked to Kim Moulton about possible revote dates. If we want the vote to be on a Tuesday, August 16 is the soonest it could be. K. Moulton is out of town August 17-24. Thursday, August 25 is another possible date. August 16 would be better for K. Moulton.

P. Hayford said she thinks August 25 would be better as it would allow people to get back from vacation and would give D. Clark more time to get caught up on this. C. Fagnant said she agreed for D. Clark's sake and because it would give us more time to prepare for an information meeting if we need one. Board members agreed there should be an information meeting. The vote must be warned 30 days before it.

A community member asked, isn't the new school board going to be in place before the August revote? Board members said no. C. Gallagher said the new board will have its organization meeting on July 21. The new board takes effect July 1, 2017.

A community member said she thinks an earlier date would be better, if there is time for an informational meeting.

D. Clark said she is the new business manager. She has been on the job for about a month. She will need Dylan Laflam to get her up to speed on the proposed project and bond. D. Laflam is on vacation right now.

P. Trudell suggested going with August 25.

P. Hayford moved to schedule the revote for August 25, 2016, C. Fagnant seconded and the motion was passed.

D. Clark read the resolution regarding the proposition to reconsider the decision made on June 7.

P. Hayford moved to accept the resolution on the revote as presented, C. Fagnant seconded and the motion was passed.

D. Clark read the warning for the revote.

P. Hayford moved to accept the warning for the revote as presented, C. Fagnant seconded and the motion was passed.

D. Clark read the ballot for the revote.

P. Hayford moved to accept the ballot for the revote as presented, seconded by C. Fagnant.

D. Regan said the wording is as if a previous vote had never taken place. He had imagined the upcoming vote would be to affirm or rescind the decision of the voters on June 7.

D. Clark said this was reviewed by a lawyer and it is the proper wording. A community member said she had spoken to someone at the Office of Elections in the Secretary of State's Office and learned that by law the revote must have the exact same wording as the original vote.

The motion was passed.

L. Barry said she would like the board's approval to post information about the revote on Front Porch Forum. She showed the board what she had written. Board members agreed it looked fine and should be posted.

5. *Other Business*

By consent, C. Fagnant was appointed as representative to the board negotiations council for support staff negotiations.

A community member asked if state or federal grants to help fund the proposed building project are a realistic possibility. D. Clark said that is part of what she needs to learn. Wherever we have an opportunity to apply for grant funds we would do so. She needs to talk to Marilyn Frederick and Dylan Laflam and find out what already has been looked at and what opportunities are out there.

A community member asked, when the bond passes in August, will there still be time to initiate construction next summer? D. Clark said we talked to the architects and it would be a tight squeeze but they feel that if we can meet all the deadlines that follow that it should be possible.

A community member asked if there is a possibility of another revote after this. Board members said no. Under the law, we can't vote on the same thing more than twice.

D. Regan said he wanted to thank the acting chair, the chair, and the other board members for being so very responsive and doing what could be done to move a difficult process forward. There was a round of applause.

The board tentatively agreed to schedule an information meeting for August 17 or 18, after checking with other board members, D. Laflam and the architects.

6. *Adjourn*

P. Hayford moved to adjourn at 6:32, C. Fagnant seconded, and the motion was passed.

Minutes submitted by Donna Griffiths