

# Hmong College Prep Academy

## Board of Directors Meeting

September 24, 2015

4:30 PM

## Board Meeting Minutes

Present: James Cave, Kalc Vang, Lucas Yang, Vue Thaow, Jason Helgemoe, Christy Youngvang

Ex Officio Board Members: Dr. Christianna Hang

Guest(s): Pao Yang, Danijela Duvnjak, Lisa Yang, Dao Lor, Bruce Sorenson, Sand Horn, Paul Markwardt

### Opening:

Hmong Academy School Board convened for a Regular Board Business Meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015 in the Board Conference room at Hmong College Prep Academy 1515 Brewster Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55108. *Mr. Kalc Vang*, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 4:37 pm. He opened the meeting with the reading of Hmong College Prep Academy mission and vision statement followed by individual introduction of all board members and guests at regular scheduled board meeting.

### Business Consent Agenda Items:

- Approval September 24, 2015 Board Agenda and July 23, 2015 Board meeting minutes- Review/ Approve.
- Motion to approve September 24, 2015 Board Agenda and July 23, 2015 Board meeting minutes was moved by *Mr. Vue Thaow* and seconded by *Mr. Lucas Yang*. **Motion passed unanimously.**
- Presentation of 2014-15 MCA Results & Academic Program Plans- Mrs. Duvnjak
- Mrs. Duvnjak reviewed the state standard tests on proficiency and growth. Hmong Academy students are two to three grades behind but are working to get growth on reading and math contents.

### New Business Consent Agenda Items:

- Phase 4 Bond Project Updates – Dr. Hang
- Dr. Hang met with Land Owner, Katie Nath with potential purchase the 10 acres across the street from HCPA on Brewster Street. Katie Nath has agreed to start the discussion on the sale of the property. Dr. Hang stated that in order to get the land HCPA's enrollment would have to be at 1575 -1600 by 2020.
- Piper Jaffray Engagement Letter - Bond Underwriting Process Presentation – Bruce Sorenson
- Mr. Sorenson presented Piper Jeffray's company and stated that they have been in the community for over 115 years. They are an investment bank and they do bond financing for

charter schools. Since 2006 Piper have represented over seventy charter schools with their bonds.

- Winthrop & Weinstine Representation Engagement– Paul Markwardt
- Mr. Markwardt is a Lawyer from Winthrop & Weinstine. His purpose is to act as council for the building company. They help with negotiating the contract and assist with closing.
  
- Appraisal Proposal – Dahlen, Dwyer & Foley, Inc. – Review/Approve
- Dr. Hang has asked that Dahlen, Dwyer & Foley, Inc do the appraisal for the property across the street. *Mr. Lucas Yang* motion to approve Dr. Hang and Mr. Yang to begin phase IV engagement appraisal, environmental on land and seconded by *Mr. Jason Helgemoe* . **Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Form Committee for Superintendent Contract Renewal – Review/Approve
- Mr. Kalc Yang suggested that there should be a committee to review Dr. Hang’s contract for renewal. This committee should consist of one BKDA staff, one lawyer, and two board members. *Mr. Lucas Yang* motioned to have Mr. James Cave, Ms. Maisin Schiung, Judith Darling and a lawyer to form Committee for Superintendent Contract and seconded by *Mr. Vue Thaow*. **Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Updated Student/Parent Handbook – Review/Approve
- Dr. Hang reviewed the student/parent handbook and stated that the changes are as follow:
  - New Picture on the front of student handbook.
  - Uniform color changesMotion to update Student/Parent Handbook was moved by *Mr. Vue Thaow* and seconded by Mr. James Cave. **Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Parent Advisory Council Minutes – Review/Approve
- Dr. Hang reviewed PAC minutes with board and stated that right now PAC is a sub committee of the PTO. Board has asked the PAC minutes be table for next meeting. Motion to table PAC meeting minutes for next meeting was moved by *Mr. James Cave* and seconded by *Mr. Lucas Yang*. **Motion passed unanimously.**
  
- Revisit HCPA Values & Response Letter to MDE – Review/Approve
- Dr. Hang updated the board members on the response from MDE regarding the values of HCPA. Dr. Hang will revise the wording of the core values to reflect that there is no discrimination. Motion to Revisit HCPA Values & Response Letter to MDE was moved by *Mr. Jason Helgemoe* and seconded by *Mr. Lucas Yang*. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm. Motion to adjourn meeting was moved by *Mr. Lucas Yang* and seconded by *Mr. Vue Thaow*. **Motion passed unanimously.**