

Old Sturbridge Academy Board of Trustee Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: June 22, 2017

APPROVED BY BOARD: OCTOBER 27, 2017

Members in attendance: Dan Soucy, Reed Hillman, Richard McGrath, Christine Tieri

Members in attendance via telephone (due to geographic distance): Keith Blanchette, Jasmin Rivas

Members absent: Pamela Boisvert, Daniel Pear

In attendance: Jim Donahue, Tina Krasnecky, James Connally, Renée Chambers, Deb Friedman

Order of Business

1. 8:30 a.m. Public Comment
2. 8:40 a.m. Discussion of Old Sturbridge Village Management Contract
3. 9:40 a.m. Public Comment
4. 9:50 a.m. Adjournment

Mr. Hillman called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM.

Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Public Comment

There was no public comment made at this time.

Discussion of Old Sturbridge Village Management Contract

Mr. Donahue shared that he wanted to start the discussion by reminding the Board of the model that the charter school was based upon. Under this model, OSV can provide administrative services at a price lower than if OSACPS was providing it on their own or hiring another management company. This relationship between OSV and OSACPS is also a model that can hopefully be replicated for other museums and charter schools.

Ms. Krasnecky provided the Board was provided with a summary of the current draft proposed management agreement. The summary highlighted the major areas of concern as well as general feedback provided to us by Alyssa Hopkins from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

The summary covered: 1) General contract terms, 2) Duties of OSV, 3) Duties of the Board, 4) Service Fees, and 5) Termination.

The Board discussed need to have an attorney review the agreement. Jim Donahue suggested that the Board consider using Stephen Madaus from the firm Mirick and O'Connell. Mr. Madaus was recommended to OSA due his experience with public schools as well as charter schools. Ms. Rivas indicated that she knew Mr. Madaus and spoke favorably of his skills. He has experience in charter

school area with contracts and leases. The firm can also provide counsel in the areas of special and general education within the practice. Jim Donahue recommended a draft of the management contract be sent to him in advance of any meeting.

Mr. Hillman indicated that the decision to hire legal counsel was on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Board members agreed that the contract did need to be reviewed soon. Discussion followed regarding hiring Mr. Madaus specifically to review this contract.

Mr. Hillman entertained a motion for the Board to hire Mirick O'Connell/Mr. Madaus to review the management agreement.

MOTION: Ms. Tieri made a motion for approval.

SECONDED: Mr. Soucy seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor.

Mr. Hillman asked about the need for board insurance; Mr. McGrath indicated that the board does need this. Ms. Krasnecky indicated that she was already in the process of securing the correct insurance.

Public Access:

There was no public comment made at this time.

Mr. Hillman entertained a motion to adjourn

Motion: Mr. Soucy made the motion for approval.

SECONDED: Mr. Blanchette seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in favor

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Pear

Secretary, Board of Trustees

Documents in meeting package:

OSACPS/OSV Management Service Agreement Summary
DRAFT Management Services Agreement Draft