



## **NEW FRONTIER EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

### **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019**

The meeting of the Board of Directors for the New Frontier Educational Foundation (Foundation) was called to order by President Greg Rieke at 9:35 a.m. President Rieke noted that a quorum was present. Present were Board members, Greg Rieke, Patrick Sirridge, Dr. Diana Carlin, Rasul Iskander and Cesar Cea. Also present was Dr. Gene Augustine, President of the Frontier School Board of Directors.

Mr. Rieke called attention to the minutes of the October 27th meeting and Dr. Carlin moved that the minutes be approved and the motion was seconded by Mr. Sirridge. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sirridge presented the Treasurer's report, indicating that the current balance was \$23,800. Recent activity includes donations from board members. It was moved and seconded that the report be approved and all Board members voted in the affirmative.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rieke noted that the latest NFEF strategic plan is available for review and stated that the document offers a summary of the organizations goals and initiatives that will serve to bolster but not replace the existing school programs. This includes enhancements to student programs (such as expansion of the mentoring program to high achieving HS students), faculty career and professional growth initiatives, partnerships with local organizations, and other benefits. In addition, the NFEF strategic plan offers a clear vision for the organization that will support the fundraising campaign efforts. Mr. Rieke directed attention to the proposed five year budget of NFEF and described the items under "Contributed Income." He noted that various footnotes help explain projected Foundation income. Specifically, he pointed to the categories of "Corporate partnership contributions" and "Net flow-through from capital projects" as examples of how the Foundation has the potential to raise significant amounts in the coming years. Mr. Rieke added that, in his view, the numbers are achievable but ambitious. He finished the budget discussion by pointing out that the goal of the proposed budget is to inform various, potential donors of our plans and finances. Dr. Carlin moved that the strategic enhancements plan and projected budget discussion be tabled to our next meeting, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Augustine advised that he would like to establish a fundraising committee that would develop and support ideas for fundraising events. This could include creating corporate partnerships, organizing breakfast fundraisers or sporting events. A target of one event per semester was discussed as an initial goal.

Mr. Sirridge reported that renewal of the NFEF Board liability insurance was required. The approval to renew the liability insurance was moved, seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Rieke offered a brief update on the NFEF internship position that candidates will be reviewed and that it is still looking like the intern position would be filled this summer. Rieke and Carlin will follow up with Rockhurst University in the near future for intern candidates.

Mr Rieke called attention to a hand-out relating to the coordination of philanthropic outreach by Frontier Schools and related entities such as NFEF. He explained that the intent of the document was to define and coordinate the efforts being made by various entities to publicize Frontier Schools and raise funds to support programs and students. He asked the Board to review the document before the next meeting. Both Mr. Rieke and Mr. Augustine commented on the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of Ms. Jennifer Watson as Outreach Director. Mr. Augustine also noted that the recent multi-cultural celebration at Frontier Schools had been a great success and that such events are important for the school and all of the students and parents. In this regard, Mr. Iskander added that Blue Valley is having a similar event and it might be beneficial to attend (he will send details of the event to Board members).

Mr. Augustine then reported on developments from the perspective of the Frontier Schools Board of Directors. He noted the following: (1) Frontier Schools is making steady progress in terms of recognition and success in the community; (2) Frontier Schools received high marks (92.4%) from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in its annual performance review; (3) the Board would like to expand the STEM approach of the high school by adding a dramatics (arts) program; (4) a trip to the Bay area of California exposed Board members to new teaching methods, specifically a project-based learning methodology (students focus on a community specific problem such as stray animals or the lack of affordable housing and then work in teams on all aspects of a solution using a variety of academic skills); (5) plans are moving forward to purchase a building for a new elementary school and (6) efforts to find a new charter school sponsor for 2019-2020 have gone well and an announcement will be made in the near future.

Next meeting:

The Board voted unanimously that the next board meeting will be on Sat. March 9, 2019.