

**MINUTES  
VSWEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2020  
VIA ZOOM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86310046127?pwd=YzJPbjVhNllocXlQNHR1djA5aFdwQT09>

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

John Elling – Treasurer (J.E.)

Gregory Schneider – Secretary (G.S.)

John Tanner (J.T.)

April Sauer (A.S.)

Nathaniel Allen (N.A.)

**MEMBERS ABSENT: None**

The Treasurer and Secretary were present and a quorum was reached.

**GUESTS**

Invitees of the Board:

- Christie Kriegsfeld (C.K.)

Members of the public present via Zoom/Registration through Google Forms:

- Carol Moriarty
- Colleen Pope
- Dan Franks
- Debbie Natzke
- Helena Moriarty
- Jacob Jacobson
- Jill Thomas
- JJ
- Julicurtin
- Kristen Ziegenbein
- Laura Heaney
- Michelle Kratzer
- Susan Kerr
- Porter Park Ward
- Kim Baker
- Debbie Allen
- Lu Li
- Lisa Maynard

**OPENING VERSE / INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. G.S. welcomed the public to the meeting. G.S. read the opening verse. The Board members introduced themselves.

APPROVED 10/21/2020

G.S. moved to enter executive session for discussion regarding the resignation of Matt Walker, a public officer of DMS. J.T. second. No further discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor (J.T., G.S., A.S., J.E., N.A.). **Motion passes.**

G.S. moved to invite Christie Kriegsfeld into the executive session. A.S. second. No further discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor (J.T., G.S., A.S., J.E., N.A.). **Motion passes.**

G.S. explained logistics of executive session.

Executive session began at 9:07 a.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The minutes of the Executive Session are confidential and are maintained separately pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 38-431.01 and 38-431.03.

Executive session ended at 10:10 a.m.

A brief recess was taken.

Regular meeting resumed at 10:15 a.m.

### **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

G.S. proposed having 1-2 people interview the interim executive director candidates. Discussion ensued involving A.S., G.S., J.T., J.E., and N.A.

G.S. and J.T. to meet with interim executive director candidates and make a recommendation to the board ASAP.

### **PERMANENT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

G.S. opened discussion regarding the advisory panel and filling it.

A.S. noted she believed we should continue with the advisory panel, but do it swiftly. Need to:

- Stick with plan, but truncate timeline
- Find a way for staff members who don't fit criteria to get some input

N.A., A.S., and G.S. discussed timeline for filling advisory panel member roles. A.S. to have recommendations to the Board by October 21.

### **FACULTY/STAFF EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

G.S. recommended that J.E. lead the charge in arranging for this training.

J.E. agreed and asked for help.

N.A. volunteered to help.

**SCHOOL CONTEMPLATION EXERCISE**

G.S. offered to continue leading the development of this exercise, although the new permanent executive director will need to be involved.

J.T. offered to assist in that.

A.S. commented that this should move slowly so the new E.D. would be involved.

**REASSIGNMENT OF TASKS**

Community Communications

A.S. willing to continue helping to respond to emails from parents.

G.S. willing to continue with community communications and responding to community emails.

N.A. commented we have three channels for communication (1) email, (2) website, and (3) parentsquare, should we clarify that those are the only channels?

G.S. yes, those are the channels.

Financial Matters

J.E. to continue meeting with RSF on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 regarding loan terms.

A.S. to continue with RSF site visit at 6:30 p.m. on October 20. J.E. to participate as well.

J.E. to become authorized signer on school bank account.

G.S. moved to authorize J.E. to become an authorized signer on the DMS bank accounts and other financial accounts necessary for the day-to-day operation of the school. J.T. second, N.A., third. Vote: Yea (G.S., A.S., N.A., J.T.), Abstaining (J.E.). **Motion passes.**

N.A. made a comment thanking M.W. for his service.

**CLOSING VERSE**

G.S. – move to adjourn, J.T. second. No discussion. Vote: Unanimous in favor (J.T., G.S., M.W., A.S., J.E., N.A.). **Motion passes.**

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Prepared by G.S. on 10/10/2020.