

NOTE: PER ONGOING EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM GOVERNOR WALZ, IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING WAS CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM ONLINE MEETING PLATFORM. THE ZOOM MEETING LINK IS PROVIDED ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS PAGE. All board votes are taken by individual roll-call.

1. Opening Items

- a. Record attendance and guests: AD (in school building for duration of meeting)
Board Members present: Autumn Dillie, Louise Mattson, Mary Hermes, Kat Anthony-Wigle, Michele Fluhr Fraser
Board Members absent: Joe Rice and Pam Goeke
Guests: Bill Zimniewicz, Interim Director; Andrew Rice, Auditor BerganKDV; Mick CLA; Nichole CLA; Barry Hand, Dakota Teacher; Graham Hartley, staff TOSA; Maggie Lorenz, parent; Kate Stemper, staff and U of M doctoral student; Veronica Bidaasigekwe Peterson-Briggs
- b. Call meeting to order: AD 4:35
- c. Approve October agenda: AD
AD Is there a motion to approve agenda: LM; second: MH
AD roll call LM; MH; KAW; MFF; all yea; motion passes.
- d. Approve August 24, 2020 tabled from September mtg: AD
AD is there a motion to approve August minutes: LM; second: MH
AD roll call LM; MFF; KAW; MH; all yea; motion passes.
- e. Approve September 28, 2020 meeting minutes: AD
AD is there a motion to approve September minutes: MH; second: MFF
AD roll call KAW; MH; LM; MFF; all yea; motion passes

2. Finance

- a. Fiscal Year 2020 Annual Audit reporting: BerganKDV
Andrew Rice presented report; Bdote received “Unmodified Opinion” which is the best possible rating; ended year in position on budget and with fund balance of 4.6%; goal is 15-20% of expenditures; due to receiving over 750k in fed money, we had a ‘single’ audit and everything was in order and we passed; end of report.
AD is there a motion to approve FY 2020 Audit: MFF; second: KAW
AD roll call MH; LM; KAW; MFF; all yea; motion passes
- b. Approve August financials and checks (tabled from September mtg): MFF
MFF reviewed summary provided by Nichole at September meeting- Mick available for clarifications; financial status is best in Bdote history so far.
LM motion to approve August financials; second MH;
AD roll call: LM; MH; KAW; MFF; all yea; motion passes to approve August Financials
- c. Review and approve September financials and check: Nichole Schmidt, CLA
MFF motion to approve September financials; second KAW;
AD roll call: MG; KAW; LM; MFF; all yea; motion passes to approve Sept financials.

- d. Authorize Autumn Dillie as a check signer to both Woodlands National Bank and Western Bank
*Motion to authorize AD as check signer MFF; second LM;
AD roll call MH; LM; KAW; MFF; all yea; motion passes to authorize AD as check signer for both
Woodlands National Bank and Western Bank.*
 - e. Authorize Bill Zimniewicz, Interim Director, as new IOWA
*Motion to make Bill Zimniewicz as Bdote IOWA KAW; second MH;
AD roll call; MFF; MH; KAW; LM; all yea; motion passes to appoint Bill as new IOWA.*
3. Leadership report: Bill Zimniewicz, Interim Director

BZ presented notes – introduction; happy to be here, feeling welcome; Bdote is in good place with dedicated staff; shared career beginnings at Red School House; now working on capacity building for staff using PowerSchool, Marss, etc; working on Continuing Education Committee membership and getting licenses renewed, supporting staff on process etc, arranging for required trainings etc; getting used to things and thankful for Graham and the office staff for helping him get settled.

4. New business:

Ratify new hires: Nutrition Manager, Haley Madison; and Interim Director, Bill Zimniewicz

*Motion to ratify Hire of Haley Madison MH; second KAW
AD roll call LM; KAW; MF; MH; all yea; motion passes
Motion to ratify hire of Bill Zimniewicz MH; second MFF
AD roll call MH; MFF; LM; KAW; all yea; motion passes*

5. Committee Reports

Parent Committee-

*AD- Maggie did you have something to share today- ML- no
(MFF included this in the agenda as it was part of the last agenda)*

Establish a Director of Administration Search Advisory Committee

*MH we have offer of help from Tom at IQS- we should use this resource-
MFF he recommended 8-10 people- possible combos of representation: Board 2, parents
3, staff 3? Or other ideas? Do we still want to include kids in the process?
Can we have a designated time to vet out who will be on this search committee-
who will write the survey for what we need in executive director- some have suggested
we need 2 separate people splitting the role
LM we are only looking for one person at this time- we don't have budget for two
people. We should work on establishing this committee next meeting-*

- a. Fixing 2020-2021 calendar error (Labor Day)

*Memorial Day was listed incorrectly on May 24- needs to be corrected to May 31 and
required a board vote for change.*

*AD is there a motion to approve correction of Memorial Day date- MH, second LM
AD roll call MH; LM; KAW; MFF; all yea; motion passes.*

- D. Policies on the website: renumber policy 413 - Background checks

*MF- 413 is assigned to Workplace violence- was also used for Background Checks-
We need to give Background Check a new number with approval by Board; I suggest 415.
AD is there a motion to approve Policy 415 for Background Checks- MH, second LM
AD roll call MH; LM; KAW; MFF; all yea; motion passes.*

E. Dissertation research project proposal presentation:

Kate Stemper, Bdote Paraprofessional and University of Minnesota Doctoral student.

Kate Stemper presented plan for conducting research within the Bdote community for her dissertation; no work will be conducted with students; MH disclosed that she is on her committee- not her specific advisor, but on her advisory committee; asked if BLC has a policy on doing research within the school- GH recommended we read the Phillips Indian Educator's documents on research;

AD is there a motion to approve the research- LM requested some additional information in writing- asked what Kate's timeline is- can she wait for approval at our Nov meeting?

KS said yes, she has time to set appt with advisors, will send written info on her plan to all of us; will attend Nov meeting for the vote. Topic moved to Nov Agenda.

F. Board sign up to attend all-staff meetings –Opportunity to introduce yourself, say hello, and field questions from staff to bring back to the board)

KAW and LM volunteered to attend all-staff meetings in November.

October Board meeting is suspended at this time to conduct Annual meeting – Board Elections

START OF ANNUAL MEETING FOR ELECTION PURPOSES (approx 6:30)

Board elections- *AD at school- Bill assisted with tally and sorting- PROCEDURE: AD OPENS BALLOT; HOLDS UP THE PAPER BALLOT TO CAMERA FOR VIEWING BY MEETING ATTENDEES; READS NAMES ALOUD. TALLY TAKEN BY Autumn AND Michele Fluhr Fraser. Copies of tally sheets will be saved with October Board meeting materials. There were two invalid ballots. There are 5 nominees for two open community member board seats and one nominee for the teacher representative seat.*

Results are: Odia- 18 votes; Tedi- 24 votes; Arthur- 12 votes; Wayne- 8 votes; Robert- 8 votes.

Odia and Tedi for Community member; Michele Fluhr Fraser for Teacher member.

*** LM notes that after the nomination process and timeframe for this election cycle closed, we received the resignation letter of board member and Assistant Chair Jenn Hall. With a new seat open, we need to determine how to fill it.*

*Options include: appoint someone by recommendation; hold a special election; or choose the next highest vote getter from today's election. ** No decision was made at this time.*

CONCLUSION OF ANNUAL MEETING (approx 6:45)

Resume October Board meeting

6. Old business: *AD shared the following announcement.*

- a. The van we authorized at the last meeting has been purchased.

7. Public comment:

- a. Each speaker must sign up in the Zoom chat and will have 2 minutes to speak.

8. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: *MFF*

AD: meeting is adjourned @ 6 :59