

*Wellspring Preparatory High School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7:30 am*

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Meeting held at:

Wellspring Preparatory High School  
1031 Page St NE  
Grand Rapids, MI 49505

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	PRESENT	UNABLE TO ATTEND
Janice Hidalgo – Secretary-Treasurer	X	
Juan Olivarez – Vice President	X	
Pat Sandro – President	X	
Sheryl Siegel - Director	X	
Fred Slade - Director	X	

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Les Albert – Field Representative, BMCC
- 2) Jessica Knoth – Assistant Principal, Wellspring Prep
- 3) Sean McAnally – Board Relations, PrepNet
- 4) Mike Michewicz – Music Teacher, Wellspring Prep
- 5) Jason Pater – President, PrepNet
- 6) Koree Woodward – Principal, Wellspring Prep

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Sandro called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Woodward shared, for those who did not already know, that she would be transitioning to a new role within PrepNet and that Ms. Knoth would be the new Principal of Wellspring Prep beginning in January. Ms. Woodward will split her time between Wellspring Prep and Grand River Prep in an instructional coaching and support role for those schools. The Board expressed their appreciation for her years of service to Wellspring Prep and looked forward to the school continuing to be well-served by her in this new role.

Mr. Sandro shared some recent news articles and reports related to Wellspring Prep and charter schools in general.

#### 4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

The Board received the School Leadership Report from Ms. Knoth. Ms. Woodard and Ms. Knoth answered questions the Board asked.

As part of her report, Mr. Michewicz was introduced to the Board and spoke about the music program at the school. He invited the Board members to the upcoming winter concerts or to drop in any time. He also shared student success stories and conveyed his passion for the program. The Board thanked Mr. Michewicz for his years of service to Wellspring Prep.

Ms. Hidalgo expressed appreciation for the student survey as an important but often overlooked source of information on the effectiveness and climate at the school.

Mr. Sandro shared comments on the uniqueness of a Moral Focus curriculum at the school, and the importance of such virtues to society, especially among young people.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the Board Fund Report for activity through December 1, 2014. Mr. McAnally stated that the unused portion of 2013-14 resolutions would come before the Board at an upcoming meeting as a Rollover Request to make the funds available for future resolutions.

#### 5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Albert thanked the Board and School Leadership Team for their time and commitment to the school. He wished them happy holidays and said he looked forward to seeing them in the new year.

#### 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. Appointment of Audit Firm for 2014-15 Audit

The Board discussed the appointment of an audit firm for the 2014-15 financial audit. Mr. McAnally answered questions about annual bidding process.

b. Facility Discussion

The Board discussed Wellspring Prep's facility needs and options, agreeing that visibility is an important factor, but that a lack of available suitable property or vacant land are constraints for a new location in the vicinity of the current site.

Mr. Sandro stated that he had shared several potential properties with Mr. Pater, who asked the Board to acknowledge that new site options are limited and new opportunities do not appear to be on the horizon. He stated that PrepNet will continue to investigate options, but will begin to focus the effort on improvements to the current site to meet the long-term needs of Wellspring Prep.

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Approval of November 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Siegel and supported by Ms. Hidalgo to approve the November 12, 2014 Regular Board Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Appointment of Audit Firm for 2014-15 Audit

A motion was made by Dr. Olivarez and supported by Ms. Siegel to appoint BDO as the audit firm for Wellspring Preparatory High School's 2014-15 financial audit. The motion was approved unanimously.

8. BOARD COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Siegel initiated a discussion about ways for the Board to further bolster and support the Wellspring Prep music program. Dr. Olivarez asked School Leadership to investigate special needs of the music program that may be included in future Board Fund requests.

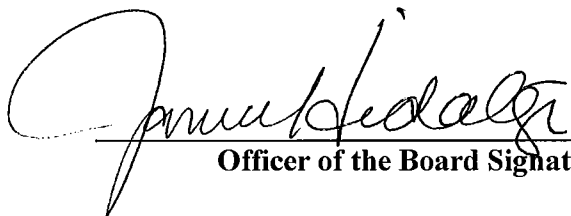
Ms. Hidalgo mentioned the high expectations of team members at Wellspring Prep and questioned if that resulted in turnover from last year to this year. Ms. Woodward stated that while there are high expectations, she clarified that her decision to step down as Principal was uniquely due to personal factors (such as her commute from Holland), not any extra demands of the position.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were given.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 a.m.

  
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Officer of the Board Signature