

*Wellspring Preparatory High School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 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
Joseph Gavan – Director	X	
Janice Hidalgo – Secretary	X	
Mark Lemoine – Vice President	X	
Sheryl Siegel – President	X	
Fred Slade – Treasurer	X	

Non-Board Members Attending:

- 1) Matt Stolz – Principal, Wellspring Prep
- 2) Dave Angerer – Director of Educational Services, PrepNet
- 3) Sean McAnally – Board Representative, PrepNet
- 4) Tim Morris – Field Representative, BMCC
- 5) Aric Smith – Parent
- 6) Cindy Pointe – Parent

Wellspring Prep student-athletes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Siegel called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. She read a passage from Christina Hoff Sommers’ “Ethics Without Virtue” on the importance of character education.

Mr. Morris administered the oath of office to Ms. Hidalgo and Mr. Gavan for three-year terms expiring June 30, 2019.

2. ROLL CALL AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Slade and supported by Ms. Hidalgo to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

4. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

a. School Leadership Report

Mr. Stolz re-introduced himself to the Board as the new Principal of Wellspring Prep.

He provided a progress update on the facility upgrades, including new classrooms, gym facility, and new entryway and procedures for drop-off and pick-up.

He shared an enrollment and staffing update, including Ms. Van Skiver's expanded role to include supporting students at both Wellspring Prep and Grand River Prep prepare for and apply to colleges and for scholarships; with that move, Ms. McDonald is the new Registrar and Ms. Wendy Moore is the new Secretary. There were also two new teaching positions opened for 2016-17, and vacancies filled in existing positions.

Mr. Stolz reported on 2015-16 AP results and answered questions from the Board.

The Board also reviewed 2015-16 state assessment results. Mr. Angerer and Mr. Stolz answered questions from the Board about the report.

Mr. Stolz presented the spring 2015-16 parent satisfaction survey results, noting improvement in key areas. He answered a question from the Board about how the results are used.

b. Board Fund Report

The Board reviewed the 2016-17 Board Fund Report and 2015-16 Board Fund Rollover resolution.

Mr. Stolz presented his proposed 2016-17 Board Fund Budget, answering questions from the Board about specific line items.

5. COMMENTS BY AUTHORIZER

Mr. Morris stated that Wellspring Prep was well-represented at the reauthorization meeting held in June in Brimley, and that a notification letter can be expected soon regarding the school's charter renewal.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. 2016-17 Teacher/Administrator Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty

The Board reviewed the 2016-17 Teacher/Administrator Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty, and received more explanation from Mr. Morris on the requirement.

b. 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials

The Board reviewed the unaudited 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Financials. Mr. McAnally stated the Board would receive their 2015-16 Audit report from BDO at an upcoming meeting.

c. 2016 National Charter Schools Conference

Mr. Lemoine commented on his trip to the 2016 National Charter Schools Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in late June. He highlighted two breakout sessions that were particularly meaningful to him and salient to the Board. He also provided the Board with some materials and reports he received at the conference.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A motion was made by Mr. Lemoine and supported by Mr. Gavan to:

- Approve the 2016-17 Teacher/Administrator Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty Resolution as presented;
- Approve the June 8, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes;
- Approve the 2015-16 Board Funds Rollover Resolution; and
- Approve the 2016-17 Board Fund Budget

The motion was approved unanimously.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Prior to Board Comments, Ms. Siegel invited the students present to speak. Several student-athletes shared their frustration at the lack of a usable soccer field in time for the fall season, as they had expected it would be ready in time. The Board asked clarifying questions, and Mr. Stolz invited further discussion with the students later in the day.

Ms. Hidalgo suggested Mr. Stolz and the athletic staff look into holding practices and games closer to Wellspring to limit the extra driving and logistics for student-athletes. Mr. Stolz responded that they would certainly investigate options, and also take care of any quick fixes and better involve students in communication about the progress of the athletic facilities. Ms. Hidalgo also asked a question about the Spanish course progression.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Pointe thanked PrepNet and the Board for offering AP Physics on-site this year. Mr. Stolz responded to a question about standards-based grading.

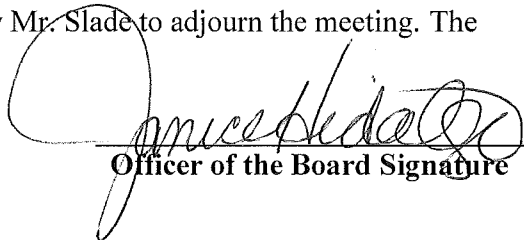
Mr. Smith suggested an online or hard copy course catalog be more available to students and families as they both consider applying for Wellspring Prep, and as they plan their schedule both in the near- and long-term. He noted his preference for members of the public to receive more information prior to the meeting other than just the agenda. Finally, he asked for faster and clearer communication from the volleyball staff about rescheduled, relocated, or cancelled games to better accommodate parents' logistical planning.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Hidalgo and supported by Mr. Slade to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.



Handwritten signature of Ms. Hidalgo in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

**Officer of the Board Signature**