



## **Board Agenda**

Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. – Harborside Academy Library

### **Call to Order:**

### **Attendance:**

Vacant (2024 NS)

**Danny Carlson (2025 NS)**

**Trent Barnhart (Permanent)**

**Sarah Miller (2025 NS)**

**Samantha Padecky (2025 S)**

**Susanna Miller (2024 S)**

Kristi Schaeffer Kleutsch  
(2024-NS)

**Amanda Robillard (2026 NS)**

**Mike Underwood (2025 S)**

**Kevin Aronin (2026-S)**

**Eitan Benzaquen (2024 NS)**

**Emily Barrera (2024 S)**

**Lindsey Fox (2026 NS)**

Vacant (2024 – NS)

**Heather Edwards (2025 –  
NS)**

**Hrasha Sitamaraju (Crew  
Council)**

Heather Connolly (2024-NS)

Chris Lahti (2025-NS)

**Doug Dammann (2026-NS)**

Cody Ernest (2026-S)

### **Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:**

Samantha Motioned, Seconded by Kevin. Minutes Approved

### **New Business:**

**Recognition of Resignation-** Heather Connolly and Kristi Schaeffer Kleutsch elected to not renew their position on the Harborside board. The board recognizes the non-renewal of Heather and Kristi. We thank them for their years of service!.

Introduction of interested Governance Board Member- Laura Gregorski

### **Principal Appointment for Staff Board Members-**

Susanna Miller & Emily Barrera have been asked to renew their positions.

### **Nomination and Voting for New Board Member- Laura Gregorski**

Discussion of Laura and the vacant spots available on the board.

Motioned by Doug D. Seconded by Heather E. This will leave 3 total vacancies for the board.

### **Nominations and Voting of Renewal Board Member Terms- Eitan Benzaquen**

Motioned by Mike, Seconded by Doug, approved.

### **Nominations and Voting of Board President**

Nomination of Eitan B for role for President. Motioned by Mike U. Seconded by Devin A. Approved

### **Nominations and Voting of Board Vice President**

Nomination for Doug. Motion by Mike, Samantha, Approved

## **Nominations and Voting of Board Secretary**

Nomination of Danny Carlson. Motioned by Samantha, seconded by Mike. Approved

## **Update on Harborside Lottery/Results (Information Only)**

Update from Trent regarding the Lottery and the current waitlist size. Over the past years, the size of the waitlist has been declining. Many years ago, the list was over 80. Today we continue to fill all available seats, however the waitlist has declined to around 20 for middle school now.

This upcoming year will be the first year that the middle school students with the new class size from middle school to high school. Approximately 12% of the middle school students did not stay for high school, however we were able to fill those seats with the high school choice process.

In the current 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, through normal churn of students leaving, there are approximately 20 vacant seats for these grades. Harborside is actively advertising to find any interested students in KUSD are interested in taking any of these seats. We are now looking to change to 3 sections for all high school grades 1 year earlier than anticipated.

Additional discussion around how Harborside could promote and recruit more students for the High School. Suggestions and open to being open about how to get more communication to Middle School's as there are also challenges on the Middle School's having time and being open to having Harborside come in and present.

## **Update regarding KTEC Charter School and KUSD- Informational Only**

There have been a few developments regarding KTEC. Harborside is the lone standing Charter School in KUSD. Over the years, the other Charter Schools and programs have not renewed, ended, or promoted to a Choice School. KTEC and Harborside were the only 2 Charters left, however KTEC had some internal troubles which resulted in them being in violation in their Charter and both KUSD and KTEC agreed to change KTEC to a Choice school.

KUSD pro-actively reached out to Harborside reassuring there is no agenda or plan for KUSD to eliminate Charters and plans to leave Harborside as a Charter School. Conversations of what would happen to Harborside in the event of it getting changed to a Choice School vs. a Charter. Harborside would not be able to be an EL school and do the programming we do and the culture we have.

Discussion around the differences between what are the differences between a Charter and a Choice School. The summary is autonomy over items like budget, staffing, curriculum, and schedules.

## **Upcoming Events -Information Only**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade Celebration of Learning – This event has been postponed
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration of Learning – January 29<sup>th</sup>
- February 23<sup>rd</sup> – Harborside Foundation Bowl-a-thon

## **Old Business:**

We will be getting agenda's out further in advance of the meeting in order to allow for board members to request any addenda items to be added.

Referendum impact to Harborside. There are many positive benefits for Harborside staff in the event that is passes and there are certainly many items that would hurt the referendum does not pass. We are asking to help get the word out on the positive items that come from this. In the event you come across someone who does not understand or is against, to attend one of the community / town meetings explaining the referendum.

Follow up on Gift for Ed. How do we want to present it? Danny will get the gift finalized and the total costs. We will then invite Ed to one of our meetings or a community meeting at school to do a thank you and celebration for his service.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is the date of the referendum vote. We will move our February meeting to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m. in Harborside Library

**Adjourn:**

Moved by Amanda R., Seconded by Samantha P All approved