

Board Agenda Tuesday, March 18th, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.– Harborside Academy Library

Call to Order:

5:03 Called to order

Attendance:

Eitan Benzaquen (2025 NS) Danny Carlson (2025 NS) Trent Barnhart (Permanent) Sarah Miller (2025 NS) Samantha Padecky (2025 S) Susanna Miller (2027 S) Laura Gregorski (2027-NS) Amanda Robillard (2026 NS)

Mike Underwood (2025 S) Kevin Aronin (2026-S) Vacant (2027 NS) Emily Barrera (2027 S) Lindsey Fox (2026 NS) Vacant (2027 – NS) Heather Edwards (2025 – NS) Hrasha Sitamaraju (Crew Council) Vacant (2027-NS) Chris Lahti (2025-NS) Doug Dammann (2026-NS) Cody Ernest (2026-S)

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes:

Motioned by Kevin A, seconded by Mike U. Motion passed

New Business:

Student Recognition

The Harborside board welcomed several students to meet and talk with the board. Talib Young: 2x Kenosha B&G Club Youth of the Year; Wisconsin Youth of the Year. Talib is only the second Kenosha youth from Kenosha to be awarded the Wisconsin youth of the Year.

Students Earning Academic Letters were recognized recently for achieving their Academic Letters. Only about 30% of students earn this Letter.

Harborside has approximately 12 students who will be graduating with Cum Laude and 5 who are graduating with Summa Cum Laude.

Referendum Update/What comes next? (Informational Only)

There is not a lot of new information to share at this point. There were 2 adjustments we have been made aware of. First will be the elimination of the ITT role in the entire district. This position is not an official Harborside staffed position but there is one in the building that will no longer be staffed. The second will be an adjustment to the total Library Staff hours.

A discussion around the wording in Appendix H of our charter will need to be adjusted some as the wording included cost-sharing between all Charter Schools for costs associated with substitute teachers. Harborside is now the only Charter School remaining so the wording does not match the current reality.

New Board Candidate Submissions (Vote)

Introduction of 2 candidates, Armon Harris & Ryan Maxwell. Discussion and information shared on each candidate. The board currently has 3 vacant positions and can add in board members to fill these positions outside of the regularly scheduled voting.

Motion to accept the nominations of Armon Harris and Ryan Maxwell to the board filling 2 of the 3 vacant positions from Laura G and seconded by Cody E. **Motion passed.**

Potential Changes to EL Contract for 2025-26- (Informational Only)

Review of current EL contract and items we receive as a benefit from EL Education. The summary of the changes relates to total amount of in person time with our Partnership Director to a hybrid model that has a percentage of time that will be virtual rather than all in person. Another incoming change is the ending of the mentor school program. Harborside has been a mentor school for many years working with other EL schools. Because this is being eliminated, Harborside will no longer receive a Mentor School discount in our overall fees in our contract. Further discussion on overall costs related to these contracts and services we have added.

2025-2026 School Minutes Adjustment

Review of current Bell Schedule, a proposed Version 1 and Version 2. Some concerns on the current schedule is the city bus schedule and attendance rate and tardiness during the 1st period increased significantly in the 24-25 school year. Conversation around the significant impact that occurred when the start time moved forward to 7:15. The other side of this change would allow staff to be here until 3:15 and allow for more teacher help to students after school.

Trent is going to review a possible 3rd option to review and how it would possibly fit to have a start time at 7:25 and

Update from ByLaws Committee Regarding ByLaws- First Read

The ByLaws Committee met and reviewed the ByLaws for relevance and any needed adjustments. Samantha P read all of the recommended changes. The board added a few small grammar changes. Thank you from the board to the committee for the effort put into this review!

Better World Day- May 2nd (Informational Only)

This is a day Harborside students and staff will be out in the community working on activities and volunteer work. If any board members know any people and organizations who could benefit from Harborside volunteers, let Harborside staff (Samantha and Trent).

Harborside Foundation Golf Outing- May 17th – (Informational Only)

Looking for some Volunteer help for the day of the event. We also have information for the outing and a donation letter available for board members to take and share with the community.

Board Agenda Request Form- (Informational Only)

The Harborside Officers will be putting out an additional summary with the agenda items 1 week in advance of the meeting. We are asking the board to please review the summary prior to the meetings so we are all up to speed on the summaries of agenda items to be discussed. Thank you

Upcoming Events - Information Only

- March 27th @ 7:00 p.m. Harborside Chamber Orchestra/Carthage Philharmonic Collaboration Concert
- April 15th Veteran's Conversation Café

Old Business:

Recognition of Service/Appreciation Gift for Ed We will shoot for the May Meeting to present this to Ed.

Professional Learning Days- Vote

Motion by Danny C to change 4 half Professional Development and half Teacher work day to be 4 Professional Development Days starting in the next school year. Seconded by Heather E. **Motion Passed**

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15th @ 5:00 p.m. in Harborside Library

Adjourn: Motioned by Cody, seconded by Kevin A