



Peaslee Board of Directors

February 17, 2022, Board/Annual Meeting

**Board Meeting - 3:30 to 5:00 p.m., February
17, 2022, by Zoom Finance Committee – 3:00
to 3:30 p.m., February 17, 2022, by Zoom**

In attendance: Shirley Martin-Smith, Craig Weinaug, Kevin Kelley, Andrea Chavez, Gary Westerman, Lisa Larsen, Paula Smith , Derek Kwan, Sandy Dixon, Marilyn Heck, Diane Stoddard, Cindy Yulich, Bobby Flory, Taylor Yoest, Bonnie Lowe, Tracy Green, Patrick Slabaugh, Patrick Kelly, and Rick Hird

1. Welcome Derek Kwan, Chamber Board Chair Member and Commissioner Patrick Kelly

Shirley Martin-Smith called the meeting to order and started with a few moments of silence for Randy Weseman. Those who wished to share about Randy and recognize his accomplishments and the man he was, did so at that time. The meeting then proceeded to order and Shirley introduced the new chamber board member Derek Kwan and from USD 497 school district, Patrick Kelly to the board. It was also announced that Gary

Westerman will be the new replacement on the board of directors for Cheryl White.

2. Introduction of Andrea Chavez, Executive Director of Grants & Administration

Andrea Chavez was introduced to the board as well as everyone went around and introduced themselves to everyone on the call.

3. Retention of Directors; Matthew Wingert, Craig Weinaug, Patrick Slabaugh – vote

Shirley asked to entertain a motion of the Retention of the Directors; Matthew, Craig, and Pat. Bobby moved and Cindy seconded the motion of the Retention of directors. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Election of Board officers – vote

Shirley asked to entertain a motion of the Election of Board officers; Cindy, Craig, Sandy, and Shirley. Marilyn moved and Taylor seconded the motion of Election of Board Officers. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Minutes from 11/18/2021 – vote

Shirley asked to entertain a motion for the November 2021 minutes. Pat Slabaugh moved to approve the minutes and Marilyn seconded the approval. The Minutes were unanimously approved.

6. Treasurer/Finance Committee Report: 2021 financials presented by Landi Goyer of the McFadden Group–
vote

Cindy presented that assets were at a slight decline about \$62,000 down from last year. Peaslee increased insurance to all accounts by spreading the wealth to the different banks around Lawrence. Slight in

grants funds increased and hopefully will increase more with the new hire of Andrea Chavez. Kevin reported that Peaslee has 2 more mortgage payments on the building. Instructional cost was higher than the budget reflected, this was because Peaslee had more classes offered this year than previous years. All together another good year of projections. A motion to approve the 2021 Financials was entertained. Sandy moved to approve, Marilyn seconded the motion and the financial report was unanimously approved.

7. Bylaw revision – vote

Kevin presented the bylaws and that a special district was in the planning to fund Peaslee Tech, which was in good support from the legislative and state. With the help of the Special District, Peaslee will receive public funds through taxes. This will help Peaslee in the long term goal of financial stability. If the bylaw is approved, Peaslee will move to appoint new board members that will elect 7 elected officials by the city/county. Those currently on the board can join advisory boards that are related to their job field. If the bylaws are approved, then the county/city will hold a local election in November of 2024, where the county commission calls the election, then funding will be projected to be around 2026. Craig motioned the approval of the bylaw, Sandy seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

8. Updates/Discussion:

- Facility Leases

Kevin presented that the Workforce Center wanted to keep renewing their lease with Peaslee, Scanning America was held in Peaslee for 2 years before leaving. Peaslee has a new production of hydrogen coming into the new space, which converts diesel trucks into Hydrogen. P1 will be leasing space for about 3 months and Sun creations was having space issues at their current place and now is leasing space from Peaslee. By leasing space to different companies, this creates a partnership between Peaslee and the companies. Some of the employees of those companies or students have taken classes through Peaslee Tech because they heard about the classes while in the building. This creates a good relationship between the two.

- The Crunch ribbon cutting 3/29/2022 at 4 p.m.

The Crunch helped to involve Peaslee classes and we were a part of the creation and vision of the new Business Ignitor. This will be a reflection of an ongoing process for all future students. This will help small businesses or start ups start up their businesses and those who want to make things. The Crunch will be working with manufacturers with supply chain issues and to help increase the wealth of the community.

- 2021 Enrollment Report

In 2021, Peaslee had 2291 enrollments, this is non-duplicated enrollments, there were many students that were also enrolled in multiple courses while here at Peaslee. The 2291 enrollments included 413 that physically were at Peaslee, 927 out in the field like Berry, ICL, etc, 615 drivers Ed (Buckle Up), 187 High Schoolers who took welding, Auto and Design Build, 117 students in the ESL program. 2021 we saw an increase in enrollments at Peaslee from 2019, which had 1827. 2020 was the outlier because of the effects of COVID.

- Veterans funding

Peaslee accepts Veterans funding for all Peaslee Programs. The demand for information needed to gain access to their veterans fund is so high, it's hard to gain access for Veterans funding but no veteran will be turned away.

9. Other Business

Shirley asked for a motion to go into the Executive Session. Marilyn motioned, seconded by Sarah and was unanimously approved

10. Executive Session

Ended at 5pm and open meeting resumed, Shirley Martin-Smith asked for a motion to approve the chief executive officer employment, motion by Marilyn seconded by Craig. Unanimously approved.

11. Adjourn

Then Shirley asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Sandy made the motion and Cindy seconded and Unanimously approved.