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climate survey. The board subsequently increased the coaching budget and held numerous executive sessions discussing COO performance. In its April 14, 2022 meeting, the board reviewed the survey results, expressed support of Holmes as COO, and renewed his contract (https://www.ocn.me/v22n5.htm#ma).

Board selects candidate to fill vacancy

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At a special board meeting on Sept. 1, six applicants for the open board position vacated by Misty McCuen attended to make statements and answer questions. Clinton noted that of the eight original candidates, six of them were present, with one of them coming in via Zoom. The candidates were Roxane Branch, Sarah Dorman (on Zoom), Alex Freed, Michael Geers, Karen Hoida, and Christopher McKinney. Each candidate made a two-minute opening statement, answered questions, and had one minute for a final statement.

Some candidates focused on their reasons for running, such as not wanting their child exposed to influences from the public school system, safety, accountability, increasing enrollment, and protecting parents' values. Others focused on their qualifications with backgrounds in the military, government service, law school, homeland security, and as a Christian conservative.

Candidates then answered questions from the board and audience about the strengths that qualify them to be on the board, their ability to judge character, time commitment, vision, threats, social emotional learning (SEL), the LGBTQ agenda, staff turnover, and their support for the board resolution against critical race theory and a proclamation against laws protecting gender identity and expression from discrimination, and decisions on arming staff. See www.ocn.me/v22n3.

All candidates expressed support for previous board proclamations, arming staff, and MA's vision, with one noting that he found MA when searching for a conservative Christian school and wanted them to keep doing what they were doing. Some candidates were against or skeptical of SEL, while others wanted to address it in the context of MA's mission. All candidates expressed the need to increase pay to address turnover as well as increase marketing and promote the desire to be part of MA's mission.

At the Sept. 8 meeting, after board approval of the voting process, the board selected Michael Geers to fill



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