



**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Governing Body of Stokesley School held in school on Wednesday 25th February 2015 at 6pm**

**Present:** H.Boal (Chair), P Bartlett, S Brennan, C.Brooker (Governor and Headteacher), B.Griffiths, P. Howes, P.Hutchinson, N.Land, A.Price, S.Thorogood, V von Morgen, H.Wiseman

**In Support:** S.Newman (Clerk)

**GB15/15: Apologies for Absence:**

None received

**Main focus of meeting: to vote on the resolution that Stokesley School should proceed to completion to convert to academy status as a founder member of a Multi Academy Trust subject to due diligence having been undertaken properly and thoroughly by the Academy Working Group.**

**GB16/15: To Confirm the Academy Working Group have undertaken due diligence**

P.Bartlett delivered a powerpoint presentation to the committee, a copy of which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Academy Working Party, set up in October 2014 had reported back to the governing body at every opportunity since set up as requested (**minute no. GB46/14**), regularly updating them on the progress of the application and due diligence. This presentation summarised the whole of that process and outlined the proposed governance structure of the trust. Governors were told the likely conversion date would be 1st April subject to all necessary documentation being signed and submitted by 20th March.

**GB17/15: To ensure all governors have a full appreciation of any measures/issues**

The final part of the presentation examined the key risk areas and detailed discussion took place concentrating mainly on the financial aspects of conversion. Governors were particularly concerned about the increase in pension contributions (future benefits payment and deficit recovery payment) and the required payment of school's share of the gap in funding of the NYCC liability fund. This would be recovered by NYCC over a period of 27 years at a rate of £40,000 per year increasing at approximately 4% per year. P.Bartlett assured governors careful analysis of the risk areas had taken place and should not prohibit conversion.

**It was agreed that: the Academy Working Group had undertaken due diligence properly and thoroughly.**

**GB18/15: To vote for/against school's conversion to academy:**

The following Resolution was put to the meeting:

**That Stokesley School should proceed to completion to convert to academy status, as a founder member of a Multi Academy Trust.**

At the request of governors the vote was by secret ballot and the result of the vote was as follows:

Ballot papers issued at the meeting: 12

Agree: 11

Disagree: 1

Total votes: 12

**It was therefore agreed that the resolution be carried and that Stokesley School should proceed to completion to convert to academy status as a founder member of a Multi Academy Trust.**

**GB19/15: School Fund**

P.Bartlett informed governors that becoming an academy would necessitate moving the School Fund Account to the new trust. In order to facilitate the transfer the constitution would need to be amended by the addition of two new clauses to cover conflict of interest and quorum. A copy of the existing and the revised constitution had been circulated to all governors in advance of the meeting and governors were asked to sign the revised version if they agreed to the changes. All governors present agreed and signed the document.

*Signed: ..... (Chair)*

*Date: .....*