

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

NEW ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, INC.

D/B/A MAIN STREET HIGH SCHOOL

September 10, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of New Alternative Education High School of Osceola County, Inc. d/b/a Main Street High School was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. In light of Executive Order 20-69 (Emergency Management- COVID-19 - Local Government Public Meetings), dated March 20, 2020, which allows the Governance Board to “utilize communications media technology, such as telephonic and video conferencing,” *this meeting was conducted by the Governance Board via electronic communication and will be live-streamed on Zoom.*

The following directors were present *via Zoom* video conference: Bruce Gillett, Gary Smith, Jim McGregor, Belinda Kirkegard, Charles Barnett and Marvin Pitts.

Also present *via Zoom* video conference were: Thom Jackson, President & CEO, EdisonLearning; Dr. Sherrell Hobbs, SVP Achievement Operations and Results, EdisonLearning; Christine Perez, Principal Academic Officer; Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning; Jennifer Anglin, Director of Career and Technical Education Programs, EdisonLearning; Eunice Casey, Director of Specialized Student Services, EdisonLearning; Shreya Amin, Director of Data Analytics, EdisonLearning; Chatiela Underwood, Regional Project Manager, EdisonLearning; Karrie Dunn, Director of Talent, Innovation and Culture, EdisonLearning; Marines Alvarez, Talent and Culture Manager EdisonLearning; Jeff Wood, Director, Tripp Scott LLP; Ralph Arza, Principal, Ralph Arza & Associates; and Luis Sullivan, Associate, Ralph Arza & Associates.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm.

A quorum was present.

Mr. Gillett chaired the meeting. Ms. Amin. recorded the minutes.

There being no Public Comment, the first order of business was Board approval of the consent agenda. The minutes from the Board meeting on June 11, 2020, 2020-21 Florida's Optional Innovative Reopening Plan, the Mental Health Allocation Assistant Plan, and the Out of Field Waivers for Maria Gonzalez – Math, George Vasquez - Physical Education, Charles Scott DaPra - Health, and Darla Saddler – Reading, were approved as presented.

Ms. Perez also proposed to change the Main Street High School logo; the Board voted on a logo and approved unanimously.

Next, Mr. Barnett motioned to approve the use of the \$2600 sanitation grant the school received from Florida Public Charter Schools Program Remote Learning and Access due to COVID 19-Grant. Mr. Pitts seconded and vote was carried unanimously.

Governance Matters

Next, the Board turned to Governing Board Matters. Chairman Bruce Gillet submitted his resignation to the board. The directors and Ms. Perez expressed their appreciation and thanked the Chairman for his time and effort.

Mr. Pitts moved to accept the resignation and Mr. Barnett seconded. Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Barnett to be the new Board Chairman. Ms. Kirkegard seconded and both the votes were carried unanimously.

Legislative Updates

Mr. Arza provided a legislative update regarding the candidates who won the school board elections in Osceola on August 18 and the overall importance of school choice in the upcoming federal election.

School Matters

School Matters were next on the agenda. Ms. Perez presented the Principal Academic Officer Report. She gave an overview of the DNE process and discussed the school's efforts to increase enrollment. The school held a virtual open house that was attended by 40+ people and parents had responded positively.

She then spoke about the math and reading vacancies and new hires. The school has hired some very good teachers this year, but needs to fill key positions.

The district has learned about the school's CTE program and is slowly sending students to the school because of the program. The school will continue to advertise its CTE program to students and nearby schools.

Students who had previously opted in for fully digital programs at other schools are now starting to show interest in joining Main Street High School due to the flexible program the school offers.

Next, Dr. Hobbs presented the EdisonLearning report.

Ms. Amin presented the results from the parent survey that was conducted to gauge parents' sentiment around opening of schools. The results showed that most parents were very concerned about their child's safety as it related to returning to school.

Ms. Underwood presented the Enrollment and Marketing report. She shared information regarding Phase II of the marketing campaign that is scheduled to start on September 14, 2020. The campaign is designed to fill the enrollment gap at the school. Ms. Kirkegard offered to work with Ms. Underwood to explore marketing opportunities with Univision.

Next, Ms. Anglin presented CTE program updates, including updates on student and staff orientation, the learning management systems, and program furniture installation. Dr. Casey then shared 2020-21 goals of the Specialized Student Services department, focusing on compliance requirements and Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).

Personnel matters

Ms. Alvarez presented a list of new hires and vacancies at the school. She discussed strategies they are employing to find quality teachers for the school even though there is a nationwide and a statewide teacher shortage.

Finance

Next Ms. Schmitt reviewed the Financial Report for the Board. Ms. Schmitt reviewed the budget narrative and significant changes with the members. She presented the New Teacher Salary Allocation Plan and reviewed the Charter Allocation Calculation worksheet, a district template, to show how funds are allocated for salary increase for teachers, depending on their position, current salary, etc.

Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the New Teacher Salary Allocation Plan. Ms. Kirkegard seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

Ms. Perez presented the need for a Secretary for the school since the school is offering both a digital program and an in-person program at the same time. Ms. Kirkegard shared that Career Source Central Florida may have internships that Main Street can utilize. Ms. Kirkegard offered discuss this further with Ms. Perez.

Ms. Perez also presented the need for a certified reading teacher since the new state law requires that the reading teacher must be reading certified instead of being reading endorsed. She asked the board to approve the funds for a new certified reading teacher. Mr. Barnett made a motion to approve the finance report, to be modified as necessary to fund a certified reading teacher. Ms. Kirkegard seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson and Dr. Hobbs thanked Chairman Gillet for his service.

There being no further business, Mr. Gillet made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Kirkegard seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:04 p.m.

By: Charles D Barnett

Title: Chair