



## **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**July 20, 2023, 2:00 pm ET**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Stevie Johns, Board Chair, Lisa Fuhrmeister, Board Treasurer Board

**Guests:** Brenda Santiago, Thomas Sternberg, Megan Sandoval, Melissa Stokke Larson, Stephen Narcisse

**I. Call to Order** – Board Chair, Stevie Johns, commenced the meeting at 2:05 pm ET

**II. Routine Business-** S. Johns

- a. Approval of Agenda- L. Fuhrmeister motioned to approve, S. Johns seconded. Motion passes unanimously.
- b. Approval of 6/29/23 Board Meeting minutes
  - i. Need to edit notes- from J. Parker motioning to L. Fuhrmeister motioning for approval.
  - ii. With those changes accepted, L. Fuhrmeister motions to approve, S. Johns seconded; motion approved unanimously.

**III. Information Items**

- a. State of the School Report – B. Santiago and M. Stokke Larson
  - i. Theme for new year- watch us grow
  - ii. Will be very intentional about the school’s mission, core values, and goals and will share and emphasize with all staff
  - iii. Dr. Larson introduces new school leaders
    1. Dr. Amber Pennington joins from KIPP, as Assistant Principal
      - a. First day for her consisted of all interviews
      - b. Have added 2 ES, 2 Elective, 4 MS, 4 HS, 4 ESE, 1 attendance specialists and 1 success coach
      - c. MS SS, MS Math, Primary Counselor, 1 ESE and 1 success coach- interviews or offers underway
    2. Betty Amman- was a counselor and now is the student services coordinator- position backfilled
    3. Change in district leadership- Dr. Clayton is now deputy Superintendent for the district; the new charter division leader is Dr. Lastenia Penaloza. Brenda and Melissa will meet her for the first time next week at the Principal Meeting
  - iv. Draft of 23-24 Org Chart shared with the Board

1. New registrar
  2. 2 counselors- primary and secondary
  3. Additional success coaches
  4. New attendance specialist
- v. Also working on goals and School Improvement Plan
1. Dr. Larson and Dr. Pennington attended the training
  2. Best Practices for setting goals was shared
  3. Good networking with other charter principals
  4. Goals
    - a. Academic Achievement
      - i. Small group instruction
      - ii. Using data to inform practices
    - b. Attendance
      - i. Ensure daily student attendance is positive and green; students attending daily
      - ii. Decrease number of students with 10 consecutive absences
    - c. Parent Engagement- focusing on parents and helping them become the best learning coaches they can be
      - i. Putting in place activities for parents as well as students; like statewide events for ice cream or lunch in different regions
    - d. Progress Monitoring and Assessment- 95% student participation is the goal.
    - e. Teacher Development
    - f. Student Enrollment- goal to have 1000 students by the end of the semester.
  5. School Marketing and Enrollment
    - a. 6128 leads
    - b. 456 applications; 408 in the last month
    - c. 170 applications submitted
    - d. Expect numbers to increase towards August and September
    - e. Shared social media posts and ads
  6. Back to School -Pre-Service training and PD planning taking place, developing yearly procedures and plans, and welcoming back students
  7. Important Dates for August shared- PD, PM1, first day of school, board meeting, district meeting

#### IV. Action Items

- a. Approval of Parent/Student Handbook-L. Fuhrmeister motioned to approve, S. Johns seconded; motion approved unanimously.
  - i. Only changes made were district ones we mirror per charter agreement but still requires a vote every year.
  - ii. Code of conduct directly from the district
  - iii. In red is everything new for HS
  - iv. New parent bill of rights per FL statute.
- b. Approval to opt in the District's Mental Health Plan- S. Johns motioned to approve, L Fuhrmeister seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.
  - i. Same as the district mental health plan

- ii. Not finished yet; waiting for the district to finalize
  - iii. Need to vote though to accept the plan the district will send once finalized.
- c. Approval for Legal Counsel to file tax exception application on behalf of the Board S. Johns motioned to approve, L. Fuhmeister seconded the motion; motion approved unanimously.

**V. Annual Board Meeting Items**

- a. Amendment of the Bylaws- L. Fuhmeister motioned to approve, S. Johns seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.
  - i. Suggestion to alter bylaws to make officer roles 2 years instead of 1 year.
  - ii. Will need to approve it formally to make bylaw change.
  - iii. If approved, elections will not occur again until the 26-27 school year.
- b. Elections of Officers- S. Johns motions to approve, L. Fuhmeister seconded the motion; motion passes unanimously.
  - i. Extension of two years for terms now approved
  - ii. All agreed to have current board members to stay in current seats
    - 1. S. Johns President
    - 2. L. Fuhmeister Treasurer
    - 3. J Parker Secretary
  - iii. Brenda must upload bylaws and changes; revised bylaws will need to be signed by the board secretary and then Brenda will submit to the district and ensure all board members receive copies.

**VI. Additional Comments from the Board**

- a. Last week the Board received notification from the state that they are putting the 50% rule in place around enrollment for Osceola students. ACCEL is holding additional conversations with stakeholders on this topic to ensure everyone is on the same page and the letter is correct. There may be a chance the Board will need to have an additional meeting if there is any action required from the board or any updates need to be shared prior to the next scheduled meeting.
- b. Question from L. Fuhmeister on what marketing is doing to ensure the school is hitting targets for this upcoming year. Megan Sandoval will arrange for ACCEL's marketing team to present at the next meeting.
- c. This rule changed for this academic year- removing the 50% requirement. Thomas Sternberg mentioned it is being interpreted as anyone in the state may apply, can be accepted, and can be funded at the school. The budget approved at the last board meeting stands. Marketing efforts should continue like this rule does not apply anymore.
- d. Next board meeting date: August 17, 2023

**VII. Public Comment-** no public comment.

**VIII. Adjournment** S. Johns adjourn meeting at 2:39pm.