



**GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**  
**August 15, 2024 - 2:00 pm ET**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Stevie Johns, Board Chair; Lisa Fuhrmeister, Board Treasurer; Jessica Howell, Board Member

**Absent:** Jennifer Parker, Board Secretary

**Guests:** Sandra Anthony, Thomas Sternberg, Ed DePersis, Kim Cox, Wendy Ross, Elaine Ruiz, Debra Bele

I. **Call to Order** – L. Fuhrmeister, commenced the meeting at 2:06 pm ET

I. **Roll Call**- S. Johns confirmed the quorum.

II. **Routine Business**

- a. S. Johns made a motion to approve the agenda and L. Fuhrmeister seconded; Unanimous vote for approval.
- b. S. Johns made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024 board meeting and L. Fuhrmeister seconded; Unanimous vote for approval.

III. **Information Items**

- a. State of the School Report – S. Anthony
  - i. Enrollment: Wendy Ross presented current enrollment numbers as 777. It was shared that this number is more fluid this time of year.
  - ii. Kim Cox, National Senior Manager, presented on the work of the Student Success Team. One goal of the team is to create a positive, welcoming and supportive climate during the onboarding experience. Ms. Cox shared two student stories and highlighted the work of Success Coach, Mariana Suarez.
  - iii. Back to School Professional Learning: Dr. Anthony shared highlights of the Back-to-School Professional Learning Week Event which included 3 days of virtual sessions and meetings and a 2 day in person event held at the Rosen Centre. The work was grounded in learning and teaching research embedded into the mission of the school. Annual quantitative goals were set around the school’s improvement plan. Additionally, a focus this year will be placed on Standards Based Teaching and Learning.

The admin team solicited feedback which was positive and showed that the goals of the days and week were, in fact, achieved with success.

- iv. School Improvement Plan: The tenants of the 2024-2025 School Improvement Plan (SIP) were presented. Dr. Anthony reviewed, at high levels, the various components including how data, sub-group data and Early Warning Indicators led to a gap analysis, to focus areas and ultimately action planning. A deeper dive was taken into one area of focus: Students with Disabilities, which served as an example of the other focus areas which will serve as the body of work this year.

b. Financial Updates - E. DePersis

i. FY24

1. The FY24 revenue projection was adjusted to \$4.03M, which accounts for Survey 3 data and weighted FTE projections.
2. Mr. DePersis reviewed cash balances, payment requests and payables outstanding.

ii. FY25 Budget Changes

1. FTEs are currently at 995. Mr. DePersis reviewed current revenue and shared that state funding is projected to be \$5.7M. Federal grant allocations of \$28,000 have been included. And expenses have been revised to include the grant allocation. Surplus is also revised for FY25 reflecting a deficit of \$3.1M. Mr. DePersis reviewed funding payments and the adjustments that are in process due to authorizer projections.

iii. FY25 Budget vs FY24 Projected Results

1. In summary, Mr. DePersis presented enrollments/FTE changes with a 25% increase year over year. Revenue changes of a 43% increase and expense increases due to increased costs to operate provide an amended forecast deficit.
2. President Johns asked Ed to explain the reason FTE's for State Aid in July through September differed from projections. Thomas Sternberg shared that he could provide support in addressing that issue with the authorizer and FLDoE as necessary to more accurately reflect FY24 ending FTE's and adjust FY25 funding payments accordingly. Mr. DePersis and Ms. Anthony agreed to meet with Mr. Sternberg to discuss next steps.
3. A review of Projected AP and invoices for payment followed.

c. **Attorney-Legal Update**

1. Mr. Sternberg shared his willingness to support the school in the adherence and implementation of the new changes coming forward through legislation.

#### **IV. Action Items**

- a) At 2:57pm, S. Johns made a motion to approve a payment to Accel of \$377,461 and Second by J. Howell; Aye: L. Fuhrmeister - Motion carried.
- b) S, Johns made a motion to approve Budget 24-25 Second by L. Fuhrmeister; Aye: J Howell – Motion carried
- c) J. Howell made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plan. Second by L. Fuhrmeister. Aye: J Howell – Motion carried

#### **V. Additional Comments from the Board**

- a. Next board meeting date: September 19, 2024

#### **VI. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **VII. Adjournment:** S. Johns adjourned the meeting at 2:59 PM ET