

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NYOS SCHOOL BOARD**

Thursday, October 15, 2020

THIS MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BY VIDEO CONFERENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZATION CONCERNING SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN OPEN MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE COVID-19 DISASTER.

1. Roll Call; Establishment of a Quorum; Call to Order

Kari Honea presiding; upon determining the presence of a quorum, the meeting called to order at **6:00 PM**

Name	Office	Present	Absent	Arrived Late	Departed Early
Board Members					
Dr. David Molina	Community/Board Chair	X			
Vibha Monteiro	Community/Vice Chair	X			
Kari Honea	Elementary Parent/ Parliamentarian PRESIDING OFFICER	X			
Matt Embry	Secondary Parent/Secretary	X			
Shawn Bliss	Secondary Teacher	X			
Donida Garcia	Elementary Teacher	X			
Jennifer Chidsey	Community	X			
Kim Cavett	Elementary Teacher	X			
George Gentile	Community	X		X - 6:12	
Alyssa Moore	Community	X		X - 6:02	
Mark Smith	Elementary Parent	X			
Elijah Churchill '22	Student	X		X - 6:05	
Chris Mink	Secondary Teacher	X		X - 7:04	
Staff Members					
Kathleen Zimmermann	Executive Director	X			
Joey Thompson	Director of Operations	X			
Julie Atchley	Director of Academics	X			
Hweilu Chen	Director of Finance	X		X - 6:21	
Terry Berkenhoff	Elementary Principal	X			
Samantha Gladwell	Elementary Assistant Principal	X		X - 6:07	
Jennifer Obenshain	Elementary Assistant Principal	X		X - 6:12	
Will Jaramillo	Secondary Principal	X		X - 6:01	
Megan Podd	Secondary Assistant Principal		X		
Kisha Jackson-Thompson	Secondary Substitute Assistant Principal		X		
Ashwini Patil	Assistant to the Executive Director	X			

2. Discuss and approve the consent agenda

Item	Yea	Nay	Abstain
a. Minutes from the September 10, 2020 meeting			
b. Policy Open Government policy 600.180-600.300			

Discussion: Dr Molina clarified questions, reminded members they have the right move any item off the consent agenda, and provided members the opportunity to do so.

Motion: To adopt the consent agenda as presented					
Vote Outcome:	passes Unanimously			10	
Motion:	Dr. David Molina				
Second:	Alyssa Moore				

3. Discuss and approve the regular agenda		
Discussion: Strike 5E and will move to next board meeting; strike 6d I; 5d will be moved the first item; and strategic support plan stricken from 6a ii		
Motion: To adopt the regular agenda as amended		
Vote Outcome: passes Unanimously	11	
Motion: Dr. David Molina		
Second: Jennifer Chidsey		
4. Public comment		
No public comment		
5. New Business		
item a: Approve reupload of Special ed policies and Special Ops policies		
Discussion:	<p>Julie Atchley presented TEA requires policy revisions on a rotating two-year schedule; this year there are 27 policies that have been revised; there are very few changes; the policies were provided prior to the meeting; once approved they will be uploaded to the TEA;</p> <p>David Molina asked how different the changes are;</p> <p>JA explained that there may be new policies or changes related to a legislative change or TEA guidance</p>	
Motion: presented		
Vote Outcome: passes Unanimously	11	
Motion: Vibha Monteiro		
Second: Donida Garcia		
item b: Discuss progress and updates related to COVID-19		
Discussion: Kathleen Zimmermann presented: Commitment forms have been received; 22% of students are back on campus; the first week has had positive feedback on the new block format; students are doing well with safety protocols; pick up and drop off working well; 56 secondary-176 elementary; still under 50% limit in place by the public health authorities; staff coverage has been a little of a challenge; the planning is being adjusted with minor tweaks; IT infrastructure is holding up well; food services has adjusted to on campus and box service; nurses are settling in; cleaning and facilities are working together to ensure campus safety protocols are workable; daily cleaning of high contact areas; attendance methodology is still presenting a challenge, especially in secondary; SPED staff is adjusting to student needs as needed; the current format will continue for the remainder of the quarter; the COVID dashboard is up on the NYOS webpage; the reopening plan has been adjusted per public health officials suggestions		
item c: Follow up on IT security and privacy.		
Discussion: Joey Thompson presented an update on what the software filter Securely tracks; he explained that the software utilizes algorithms and AI and automatically flags certain terms, looks for patterns; etc.;		
David Molina asked what can be reported to parents		
JT indicated that the parent portion of the software has not been activated; if this was activated that the reporting mechanism would be all or nothing		
DM asked if a parent asks for the history does the school have to provide		
JT indicated that it would be treated as a public information request		
DM asked if the staff could scan for information that could potentially be harmful for a students home life		
Vibha Monteiro asked what the law requires		
JT indicated the law requires full disclosure		
Alyssa Moore suggested that the school should consult the school attorney		
Jennifer Chidsey suggested that the school make sure that the students are fully aware of how school systems		
JT indicated that the IT staff is currently focusing on support for the current COVID learning environment		
Kari Honea indicated that unless the information does not exist there is nothing to provide		
item d: Proclamation for onsite staff Moved to first item of new business		
Discussion: David Molina read the essential personnel proclamation		

item e: Discuss and approve resolution for contract approval STRICKEN			
Discussion:			
Motion:			
Vote Outcome:			
Motion:			
Second:			
item f: ED Update			
Discussion:	Asynchronous plan was approved by TEA; Grow your own grant was awarded; Resilient Schools Program grant was awarded; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion initiative conducted a training on Teaching Tolerance; Multi-Cultural Fair November 5; Searching for a development manager-moved from part to full time; planning for 21-22 School year planning has begun; Kramer move is being planned; possible sale of portables; new furniture has been received; 300 students will be added, with additional staff as well; met with a State Rep to advocate for funding parody		
6. Committee Reports			
a. Academic Oversight Committee update			
	i.	Domain I, A-F accountability-Julie Atchley provided an overview of Domain I student performance and college/career/military readiness (CCMR); this domain ONLY looks at performance	
	ii.	Discuss CIP and Strategic Support Plan Strategic Support Plan was STRICKEN	
Elementary CIP		Terry Berkenhoff provided an overview of the CIP, including the CIP the COVID environment; No STARR data due to COVID; stakeholder satisfaction, student safety and student achievement focus	
Secondary CIP		Will Jaramillo provided an overview of the CIP, including the CIP the COVID environment; benchmark data and 2018-19 STARR data were analyzed due to no STARR last year; CCMR analyzed; student achievement and progress; safety and security focus;	
b. Financial Oversight Committee update			
	i.	Skyward migration almost complete; finance staff becoming more familiar with new functions	
	ii.	Enrollment at 1075; attendance is at 96.88%	
	iii.	Hweilu Chen presented and explained the budget amendment	
Motion:		To adopt the budget amendment as presented	
Vote Outcome:		12	
Motion:	Dr. David Molina		
Second:	Vibha Monteiro		
c. Board Development Committee update			
	i.	Conference Update - Jennifer Chidsey provided information around how the certificates will be provided; if you attend sessions after completing the survey, you can resubmit the survey to updates the completed	
	ii.	Financial Oversight Committee Overview - Matt Embry presented an overview of the Financial Oversight Committee	
d. Executive Committee update STRICKEN			
	i.	Discuss live Board Meetings STRICKEN	
	ii.	David Molina aske dhow the board would like to receive board information; discussed how the committee is functioning in coordination with the staff; will table executive session until next	
e. New Committee Update			
	i.	Donida Garcia - Committee took at deep dive on referrals	
	ii.	Developing committee name	
f. Property Development Committee update			
	i.	Planning for moving out of Kramer has begun.	
	ii.	The elementary (building E) is going up; the foundation for the middle school (building F) has been poured.	

g. Succession Committee update

- i. Jennifer Chidsey - indicated that the committee is developing a 3 to 5 year plan building of the work that has already be done; currently reviewing existing documentation

Executive Session

The School Board will meet in executive session in accordance with Texas Governance Code

Section **§ 551.072 Deliberations about real property** **TABLED**

6. Closing

Item a. **Discuss items for next meeting**

Executive session from October 15 will be combined with executive session; review and vote on audit; strategic support plan; contract approval;

Item b. **Adjournment**

Discussion: Kari Honea called for a motion to adjourn

Motion: To Adjourn

Vote Outcome: passes Unanimously	12		
Motion: Dr. David Molina			
Second: Vibha Monteiro			

The meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Certification

These minutes represent a true and accurate account of the Emergency Board Meeting of NYOS Charter School held on Thursday, October 15, 2020



Matt Embry
Secretary