

Governing Board Meeting
June 15th, 2022
3:00 pm



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Minutes from the Meeting – Governing Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Educational Horizons Charter School was held on Wednesday, June 15th, 2022 @ 3:00 pm on the campus of the school. A Quorum was declared present based on the presence of two directors, principal, and management.

Call to Order – Mary Altier called the meeting to order at 3:02 pm.

In attendance: Mary Altier, Aileen Tapp, Erik Thorson, Cheryl Turner, Eileen Needle

Review of Minutes from the April 7th, 2022 meeting – One change was noted in title, the year reads 2021 but should be 2022. With that change, Mary Altier motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Guest speaker from REGIONS bank on investing our money – John Yannick, CRPC (Vice President and Financial Advisor) of Regions Bank was scheduled to follow up on his proposals from last meeting. He was unable to make the meeting and will share findings for us to discuss at a later meeting.

Review of Financials of School - Erik Thorson presented the proposed budget for the school year 2022-23 which includes Surtax, Grants, and other possible income. He created it with help from our CPA firm and data from our spending. Some clarification was shared on changes in numbers as we look at being conservative with our finances. Mary Altier motioned to accept the financials and budget, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Current enrollment Eileen Needle presented the enrollment for the 2022-23 with 131 students. The proposed budget is based on those numbers. We have a wait list for all grades.

Update on Fence project Erik Thorson gave an update on the fence project. First installment was paid, a survey has been found for the permit and work is to begin. The fence will be completed and the final two payments sent by opening of school on August 10th, 2022.

ESSER Grants Cheryl Turner shared that ESSER I has been reimbursed with all money going to teachers for additional tutoring after school with students off track or showing learning loss. Last week Frank Stockman from BPS shared that ESSER II money is being rescinded per the governor with no more explanation. The school received correction notice for ESSER III and we will complete those and send back into BPS this week.

Governing board member commitment for 2022-23 Cindy Thomas has given her notice to be taken off the board. Her commitment to the board was in conjunction with the transfer of property and school. At this time, she will stay as the owner with Dr. Erik Thorson as the manager. With this change, she is stepping down from the board effective immediately. Mary Altier accepted the resignation. Three people were presented and vetted to fill the position. Mary reviewed resumes and discussion was held. Mary Altier nominated April Etter, former parent, employee and longtime supporter of the school to take the position. Her degree and career in HR will be an asset to the board. Aileen Tapp seconded the motion and it was accepted with a unanimous vote. Cheryl Turner will extend the offer to her and begin the process of training for April. All members reviewed the charter and FL statues on conflict of interest, duties of board members, and responsibilities. Mary Altier will stay on as chair, Aileen Tapp will stay on as secretary. They both signed a conflict of interest statement for the upcoming school year. There was discussion on board member s being paid for volunteering. Both agreed they would rather stay on as volunteers. They may have to be fingerprinted again (at this time they are printed as employees). The school will pay for this if it is necessary.

FSA and State results To date, the results for grade 3 reading are in. The district dropped from 60% at a level 3 or above to 58%. Our school (n=13) showed 85% at a level 3 or above. Students and families have been given a code to access their scores. According to BPS this week, the system doesn't have all the grade 3 scores uploaded for parents. As we get the individual results, it will be shared with stakeholders. This is the final year for this assessment and next year it will be Ongoing Progress Monitoring which is still to be determined. Most likely it will be on the computer. Along with this, the school is ordering 70 tablets for grades K-2 and 70 laptops for grades 3-6.

Math Text Book There are now 28 approved publishers on the list, Cheryl Turner will attend a training on the new BEST math standard. We have a relationship with McGraw-Hill and have used them for years. Our first choice for math is Edgemoor and Revel, BPS is using the same ones so hopefully it will align with district and state assessments.

Principal Comments We are currently interviewing for Lead 5 & 6 teacher, Reading Kindergarten teacher and part time PE and Art. The site visit was reviewed and everyone was pleased with the comments from Dr. Maier. It will be shared with stakeholders and available in the office for review.

Managers Comments Erik Thorson is pleased with the conclusion of year one. He looks forward to increasing the security with the fence and appearance of the school. His goal for next year is to close the academic learning gap due to Covid, keep enrollment up, and support the teachers and staff.

Proposed meetings for 2022-23 Discussion was held and the meetings will be at 3:30 to avoid car loop and allow parents to participate. They will be held on school campus. The dates will be as follows: Tuesday, July 26, 2022, Tuesday, October 18th, 2022, Thursday, April 13th, 2023 and Thursday, June 15th, 2023

Public Comments The board checked the email and there was no new correspondence. No comments to be shared through social media or messages.

Adjournment: Mary Altier closed the meeting at 4:05 pm

Next meeting scheduled at 3:30 pm on July 26th, 2022 (Tuesday) at the school

Mary Altier (Chairperson) _____ Date _____
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