

Governing Board Meeting  
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3:30 pm



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## Minutes Governing Board Meeting

**A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Educational Horizons Charter School was held on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 3:30 pm on the campus of the school. A Quorum was declared present based on the presence of three directors, principal, and management.**

Before the meeting started, Dr. Thorson gave a tour of the campus to the governing board members. They viewed the new classroom, new floors in all buildings, fresh paint on all interior walls, and the new sod laid in the playgrounds.

**Call to Order** Mary Altier called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

**In Attendance:** Mary Altier, Aileen Tapp, April Etter, Erik Thorson, and Cheryl Turner

**Review of Minutes** from June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –sent out electronically ahead of time. No changes, Mary Altier motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

**Review of Financials and proposed budget for 2023-24** Erik Thorson presented the financial statement and proposal for the new school year based on a student population of 135. The proposal reflected teacher and staff salary increases, LE officer new pay of \$50.00 per hour, increase lease for the building and all proposed incomes from Capital outlay, BPS, Surtax, ESSER, and any other fixed and variable expected incomes. Mary Altier motioned to accept the financials, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

**Current Enrollment for 2023-24** Charter shows 135, but we can go over as high performing. We are still touring families and interviewing candidates for hire. If we move forward with the new 3 and 4 classroom we will hire new teachers and invite a few more students to reach 140-145.

**School Improvement Plan** Team reviewed FAST and STAR data to see we are above district and state average and scores looked good for the school year. We were short of our proposed goal of 90%, but this is a different test than last year. Discussion ensued from parent surveys, teacher input, and looking at our philosophy of learning. Areas of focus this team would like to see are: standard based instruction with reading interventions in afternoon for students, support for students in need, continued use and inclusion of Montessori methods in daily class, parent support to increase volunteering and

participation, continue to look at expanding school to possibly include grades 7 and 8 (long term). Final DRAFT will be reviewed and approved at October meeting.

**ESSER GRANTS** One grant ended in June 2023. We still have a large grant to work on until June 12024, Civics grant, supplemental materials grant, summer tutoring grant. We have submitted requests for floors and math resources. Cheryl will continue to work (with support from Erik) weekly on obtaining as much as we can from this grant port.

**Safety and Security Plan and FSSAT** Security plan is due September 1. Team reviewed the draft and discussed needs short term and long term. Short term: covered walkway between buildings, blinds in rooms, mirrors on blind corners, trim trees for access to roof. Long term: second vestibule for entry into office, more camera, fence in parking lot.

**Mental Health Allocation Plan** This year there will be an increase to \$7398.00. Plan will be submitted through CIMS (just like SIP). Team discussed needs and decided on top needs as: teachers getting trained in Youth Mental Health First Aid, continued support in classroom lessons and small group time with LMHC (Tina Reyes), continued use of school counselor for Threat Assessment Team (Opal Rowe), and look to eventually add a part time counselor for student support on campus.

**BPS Sponsored events** Team looked at the list and agreed to support the following: Brevard Symphony Orchestra for grade 5, ART for Brevard, Science and Engineering Fair grades 4-6, Indian River Lagoon grade 4, Kennedy Space Center for grade 6 (although we will have to do this on own – BPS is not including charters). Cheryl will sign and return MOU with BPS.

**Principal Comments** SPAR and Capital Outlay are complete for the year. Cheryl Turner will continue to build school for 2023-24 and interview for positions. Also, keep up with enrollment and opening needs.

**Management Comments** Erik spoke of growth for the school and his commitment to try to expend in any way if possible as a service to our families. Erik also shared the growth of our money set aside for investment and we are above the initial investment and recouped our fees to show a positive growth of \$700.00 to date.

**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 4:15 pm. Next meeting scheduled at 3:30 pm on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**Mary Altier (Chairperson)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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