

Governing Board Meeting
October 11, 2023
3:30 pm



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Meeting Minutes – Governing Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 3:30 pm @ EHCS

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Educational Horizons Charter School was held on Wednesday, October 11th, 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.

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 July 12th, 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 with 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 Current enrollment is 132. FTE and date certain is Friday, October 13th, 2023.

School Improvement Plan After last meeting, the DRAFT was presented to stakeholders and teachers. After small changes, the draft was accepted. April Etter motioned to accept the SIP and Aileen Tapp seconded the motion. It was accepted unanimously and motion was carried. Cheryl Turner will update the CIMS to reflect board approval.

School openings The position for grade 4 teacher was filled on October 2nd with Ms. Brittney Bellis. We are still looking for an ESE and GSP teacher.

Proposal for growth of school Erik is still pursuing expanding the school to add grades 7 and 8. Acquisition of the land across the street is in negotiation. After much discussion, the board likes the idea of expansion and moving the entire school K-8 to the new facility for

many reasons including technology, new facility, accessibility for handicap able, and the inclusion of a gym and cafeteria.

Principal Comments Cheryl Turner went over results of the first state assessments in September. After looking at data, a draft of the Academic Achievement goals for the school year was presented. It was decided to include the year before data because it was paper and now we are computer. It is hard to compare the two. Aileen Tapp motioned to accept the Academic Achievement Goal plan and April Etter seconded the motion. It was accepted unanimously and motion was carried. Cheryl Turner will upload the plan to charter tools.

Cheryl Turner showed the pay scale for the local public school. With a goal to close the gap, she proposed to increase salaries. After looking at budget and financials, it was suggested to increase all salaried employees by \$4000.00 and hourly by \$1.00 per hour. The salary will be paid in a lump sum before the Thanksgiving break. Hourly will begin with next pay period. Mary Altier motioned to accept the salary increase, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Cheryl Turner proposed to continue with the bonus structure for full time and part time teachers and support staff. Mary Altier motioned to accept the bonus structure, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Management Comments Erik will continue to work on expansion plan. We will begin looking at how to add grades 7 and 8 to our charter. The yearly Audit has been completed, signed by Mary Altier and sent to BPS, state, and school with the proper amount of copies.

Public Comment email was checked and there was no communication.

Adjournment: Mary Altier closed the meeting at 4:15 pm. Next meeting scheduled Wednesday, April 10th, 2024 @ 3:30

Mary Altier (Chairperson) _____ **Date** _____
signature