

Board Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2020

Location: Virtual Zoom

- The meeting convened by Mr. Pickle at 6:02
- Welcome and mission statement read by Mr. Pickle
- Roll Call - Bill Pickle, Carlos Washington, Amanda Tyner, Dr. Thomas Ducey, Cherry Gerald, Stacey Coleman, Dr. John Atkins, and Marie DeVincenzo. Also, Brittany Hamilton, Heather Williams, and Janice Dargan.
- One comment from the public regarding a child that got COVID. It was read anonymously by Mrs. Brittany Hamilton
- Approval of Agenda - Review of agenda. Dr. Ducey asked that the grievance be moved to 10a (after minutes. Dr. Atkins seconded. Motion carries.
- Carlos Washington moved to approve minutes. Dr. Ducey seconded. Motion carries.
- 6:09 - Dr. Ducey moves to go to executive session, Carlos Washington seconded. Motion Carries.
- 7:23: Return from executive session.
- Budget overview:
 - Overbudget on line 152 - Admin Support Services - Budget was \$5,000, currently at \$6,150
 - Overbudget on line 191 - Equipment - \$10,771 for security equipment, but this was board approved.
 - \$2,489 from EFA funding
 - Mrs. Hamilton addressed the salary schedule for current contracts
 - Unemployment rate change
 - Mrs. Hamilton updated that our funding was based on last year but they over projected in the past so CIE backed our numbers down. They will increase them after 5 day count and we will be reimbursed.
 - We did not qualify for Title 1 funding the past two years. However, we should qualify this year. Also, SPED numbers should change. This will all lead to an increase in funding.
 - Dr. Atkins thinks board members should contact CIE because we cannot operate without money.
 - There are reserves that we can operate from and then replenish when we get reimbursed.
 - No revenues from aftercare until we go back. This was budgeted at \$279K on our 2020/21 budget.
 - Dr. Ducey made a motion to approve. Amanda Tyner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Principal's report:
 - New Facility: we are in, classroom furniture is in. We are still unpacking and getting settled.
 - Marketing: editing the marketing plan that was presented. Dr. Devincenzo and Becca Hamilton met and discussed what was presented. We joined Chambers

for Darlington and Florence Counties. The fundraiser for flagpoles is in process and going well.

- Enrollment report: 512 students. We still need 7th graders, but have robust waiting lists for other grades.
- ARC: We are getting a reimbursement of \$20,540
- LEAP days: first and second grade tested their ELA portion, 3-7th grade did not test. Kindergarten came in during Professional Development week.
- Cares Act: Have not received funding yet.
- Professional Development: PTO breakfast to kick off the week. Worked through Google Classroom, Dreambox, Into Math. Ended the week with a school luncheon.
- Task Force is recommending:
 - Must have documentation to not wear a mask
 - A/B days - Desks are making it difficult to social distance
 - Dr. Ducey asked if children don't wear masks are they required to wear a face shield.
 - A/B schedule through the end of the first semester and then revisit? Mrs. Hamilton answered "yes."
 - Dr. Atkins asked if any employees have been positive? "No"
 - Any Students? "Just the one from LEAP days"
 - Our biggest challenge is asymptomatic carriers. Should we test employees before bringing back students? Board wants employees tested before students return, but they want to research this before voting on it.
- Starting school:
 - Hotspots: half arrived today
 - Chromebooks: still awaiting shipment. Was supposed to be July 1st. No new estimate.
 - Textbooks: Shipment today and yesterday
- Title I: free and reduced lunch forms have been being filled out.
- 8:22 - Motion to executive session by Dr. Atkins, Dr. Ducey seconded. Motion carried.
- 9:03 - Return from Executive Session
- Title IX: changes to Title IX are in place on August 14.
 - Mary Allison presents the proposed policy as a first read
 - Training is September 9, 2020
 - Heather Williams will be the coordinator
 - Janice Dargan will be the investigator
 - Brittany Hamilton will be the decision-maker
 - The board members will be the appeals team
 - The final appeals decision-maker is the Chairman of the board
- Action items from Executive Session:
 - Dr. Ducey motions to uphold the administration's decision to terminate employee 1. Dr. Atkins seconded the motion. Motion carries.

- Dr. Ducey moves to approve the taskforce's re-entry plan as amended. Dr. Atkins seconded the motion. Motion carries.
- Dr. Ducey motions to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Atkins seconded. Motion carried.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:17.