



B.E.S.T. ACADEMY
MINUTES: REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monday, December 9, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Brookfield Engineering Science and Technology Academy Charter School (“**B.E.S.T.**” or the “**School**”) was held on Monday, December 9, 2019, by online Zoom meeting.

Directors Present:

Edward Singh, Ognen Nastov, Michal Alchikh, Chad Leptich

Directors Absent:

Patricia Karlin, Joseph Cipres

Also Present:

James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Enriqueta “Queta” Luquin, Corey Cavanah, Jason Arca

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chad Leptich called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approve agenda

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: November 6, 2019

Motion Passed: Approve minutes

Approval Motion: Michael Alchikh **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All.

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No one from the public had opted to speak.

5. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

There were no matters for a closed session at this time.

6. CLOSED SESSION

There were no matters for a closed session at this time.

7. RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

There were no matters for a closed session at this time.

8. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Chad Leptich

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

10. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

a. Enrollment and Budget Report: CBO and Directors

i. Marketing- (SHELVED until February meeting)

b. School Data Report

Alex Soriano shared testing report, using eighth grade as an example for overall performance (eighth graders make up 60% of B.E.S.T. population). Total students testing equals 117. The breakdown and data will allow targeted intervention decisions. Average times for intervention areas were shown and explained. Assessment averages by grade and growth data for standards were shared. National averages for testing were shown and presented. More data will be reported in February so trends can be analyzed.

11. CONSENT AGENDA (PASSED)

a. Expense Reports and Reimbursements: *Approval of this item approves the reimbursement of expenses incurred by employees and/or board members*

Alex Soriano shared and reported. Items being reimbursed consisted mainly of mileage, website subscription, office supplies, and shipping costs. Jim's reimbursements and expense report will be submitted in February.

Approval Motion: Michael Alchikh **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All.

b. First Interim Budget: *Approval of this item approves the interim budget*

Summary budget report was presented. Projected ADA is 209. Projected revenue: \$2,093,291. Projected expenditures: \$2,032,307. Projected operating revenue and ending balance: \$60,984. Biggest change was expenditures being appropriately reclassified as services, not tangibles.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All.

c. Ocean First Education Contract: *Approval of this item establishes a partnership with the STEM program*

Jim Mays shared TIDES program with board members. This science program incorporates SCUBA training, STEM classwork, and fieldwork in a four-year program-proposed for use with 9th graders. Cost is \$2,000/student or \$200/month. Program will be geared toward Southern California students, predominantly in San Diego and Orange County.

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Michael Alchikh **Ayes:** All.

d. Special Board Meeting: Brown Act and Training and Board Bylaws:
approval of this Special Board Meeting establishes a date and time for Board members to fulfill Brown Act Training and establish B.E.S.T. Academy Board bylaws

No new information was shared. Item was left on agenda for February's meeting.

12. BOARD COMMENTS

Chad Leptich: Showed support and enthusiasm for TIDES program. Also, asked to share growth data and breakdown of numbers with Julian district. Other board members agreed with assessment on TIDES, that it is an innovative and worthy program for B.E.S.T. to partner with.

13. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENT

Jim: Pleased with students' academic performance of independent study learners (85% of students are on target). Impressed with teachers' work with students.

Alex: Teachers have communicated with families to inform them of how students are doing with assignments going into the break. School is working with families to help kids who are behind in assignments to catch up before and during break.

Jim: Reports of unique Social Studies program show students are going in and doing extra work on their own outside of assigned work.

Alex: Brought up feasibility of summer school programs for future discussions with Julian district.

Chad: Agrees that a summer program is a valuable topic to discuss

14. DATES OF NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

- February 5th, Wednesday
- March 4th, Wednesday
- May 6th, Wednesday

15. ADJOURNMENT 6:19 p.m.

Motion Passed: Approve motion to adjourn

Motion: Edward Singh. **Second:** Ognen Astov. **Ayes:** All.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:19 p.m.