



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS May 5, 2021**

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 Wednesday, May 5, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

Directors Present: Ognen Nastov, Kristine Stanga, Chad Leptich, Edward Singh, and Joseph Cipres

Directors Absent: Michal Alchikh

Also Present: James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Daniel Crook, Cory Cavanah, Bryan Farmer and Donna Colbert

1. CALL TO ORDER Board president Kristine Stanga called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. Approval of Agenda: *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of May 5, 2021.*

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Kristine Stanga

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. WASC Update: Spring Commission Meeting Update Mr. Crook announced that the WASC Commission voted to approve BEST Academy as a fully accredited WASC school. The initial WASC accreditation is granted for three years before needing to reapply. Subsequent applications can permit for up to six years of accreditation.

b. Proposed LCAP Outline Plan: Mr. Crook presented an outline of a draft summary of BEST Academy's LCAP plan. The outline included 3 goals with measurable outcomes. Each goal has an action plan with budgeting included in the outline. The information will be presented to the ELAC and School Site Council meetings to allow for parent feedback on the goals. In June, BEST Academy will have a public hearing at a board meeting for additional feedback from the community.

c. Proposed Additional Staffing (no change): Staffing Proposal: Mr. Soriano explained that there are currently no staffing changes while BEST Academy waits for enrollment and budget data.

d. April Financial Report: Mr. Cavanah presented the April financial report to the board.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be approved, ratified and enacted in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no more discussion on these items prior to Board vote. Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Approval Motion: Chad Leptich **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

6.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

a. Approval of the Minutes: *Board Meeting of May 5, 2021*

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

c. Check Register: *May 2021 Check Register*

d. Staffing Items: *None*

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Summer Expanded Learning Plan: Mr. Soriano presented the expanded learning plan to the board. The expanded session will be a 4-week supplemental program focused on educational learning gaps due to the pandemic. Academic enrichment, support, and social-emotional engagement for the students will be strategic elements of the extended summer session.

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

7.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

b. Title One Home School Compact: BEST Academy has a large population of Title One students. Mr. Soriano explained that the Title One Home School Compact details the responsibilities of the stakeholders at BEST Academy. This compact includes expectations from the school, parents, and the students.

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

7.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

c. Parent Engagement Policy: Mr. Soriano explained the Parent Engagement Policy to increase parent and family engagement. Increased parent and family involvement are goals in BEST Academy's LCAP and Title One Compact. Mr. Soriano discussed having a monthly parent meeting to engage and educate parents on how to monitor and be involved in their student's education. These meetings would include other topics that parents request learning more about.

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

7.1c Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Michal Alchikh - *absent*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

d. Sexual Health And HIV/AIDS Prevention Policy: Mr. Soriano discussed the need to update BEST Academy's current Sexual Health education policy. The updated policy will include HIV/AIDS Prevention education. Mrs. Stanga made suggestions that Mr. Soriano will adjust in the policy. The approval for the updated policy has been tabled until the next meeting. Mr. Soriano will present the policy for approval at the June school board meeting.

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Stanga expressed her appreciation to the executive directors and Mr. Cook in obtaining the WASC accreditation as well as the policies and compacts.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Mays discussed upcoming Assembly Bill 1316 that could affect the budget and enrollment for charter schools. Mr. Mays announced that BEST Academy was awarded the Public Charter School Grant Program (PCSP). The PCSP is a 3 year grant focused on professional development for administrators and teachers. Additionally, the professional development element could incorporate school board members as well.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*
Joseph Cipres - *aye*
Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Michal Alchikh - *absent*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

June 2, 2021
June 9, 2021

- ELPAC Testing: Present to May 31, 2021
- NWEA MAP Benchmark Assessment: June 1- June 11, 2021

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:45 p.m.