



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Wednesday, September 2, 2020**

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, September 2, 2020, by online Zoom meeting.

**Directors Present:** Chad Leptich, Joseph Cipres, Ognen Nastov, Edward Singh, Michal Alchikh  
**Directors Absent:** none

**Also Present:** James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Kristine Stanga, Cory Cavanah, Daniel Crook, and Isa Melvin

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Board member Chad Leptich called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

**2. APPROVAL OF Agenda:** *Approval of this item approves the minutes for the Special Board Meeting of September 2, 2020*

2.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov -aye Edward Singh - aye

Chad Leptich - aye

Michal Alchikh - aye

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Approval of this item approves the minutes for the Special Board Meeting of August 11, 2020*

3.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov -aye Edward Singh - aye

Chad Leptich - aye

Michal Alchikh - aye

#### 4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public shared any comments.

#### 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**Led by:** Chad Leptich

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

#### 7. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

**a. Budget Update:** No updates were shared at this meeting.

**b. Public Hearing: Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCAP)**

The current Learning Continuity and Attendance plan and the methods employed to communicate and engage with families were shared with the board. Sections of the LCAP and the funds being used to achieve it were discussed.

**c. Placement Data - Achieve3000, DreamBox, LEXIA**

The initial placement and growth results for Achieve3000, LEXIA, and DreamBox were shared. Mr. Mays presented the current averages and shared the school's expectations for students' time commitments and growth. Mr. Alchikh asked if the school has plans to include mentoring sessions with students. Mr. Mays shared that career placement tests have been administered and discussions were opened up with students in regards to their interests in vocations and fields of study.

**d. Board Member Update**

A new, potential board member, Kristine Stanga, was introduced to the members of the board. Ms. Stanga is being nominated to fill a vacancy on the school's board of directors.

#### 8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

Mr. Mays and Mr. Soriano submitted reimbursements for the month of August.

**Approval Motion:** Edward Singh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

8.a Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov - aye

Edward Singh - aye

Chad Leptich - aye

Michal Alchikh - aye

## 9. ACTION ITEMS

- a. **Unaudited Actuals:** *Approval of the reports approves the 2019-2020 financial reports*  
Mr. Cavanah shared the 2019-2020 unaudited actuals summary and breakdown of year-end average daily attendance (ADA), revenues, and expenditures.

**Approval Motion:** Ognen Nastov **Second:** Michal Alchikh **Ayes:** All

### 9.a Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye  
Ognen Nastov - aye  
Edward Singh - aye  
Chad Leptich - abstain  
Michal Alchikh - aye

- b. **LCAP Federal Addendum:** *Approval of this addendum to the LCAP allows BEST Academy to pursue supplemental federal funding*

Mr. Cavanah presented the LCAP Federal Addendum application for *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) supplemental federal funding*

**Approval Motion:** Joseph Cipres **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

### 9.b Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye  
Ognen Nastov - aye  
Edward Singh - aye  
Chad Leptich - aye  
Michal Alchikh - aye

## 10. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Singh and Mr. Leptich expressed concerns over the funding and budget due to cuts and a larger student body. Both board members would like to see a detailed breakdown of the costs and cuts in services to better steer financial decisions for 2020-2021.

## 11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Soriano explained that these financial difficulties have been immense learning lessons. The funding obstacles have created opportunities to look critically at all programs, vendors, and services. Mr. Mays thanked Mr. Leptich for his input and assistance in helping steer budgetary decisions and reiterated his commitment to meeting these challenges while giving students the best education and chance at success.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

**Approval Motion:** Michal Alchikh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

11.a Roll Call to adjourn

Edward Singh- aye  
Joseph Cipres - aye  
Ognen Nastov - aye  
Chad Leptich - aye  
Michal Alchikh - aye

**Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:**

October 7, 2020  
November 4, 2020  
December 2, 2020  
January 6, 2021  
February 3, 2021  
March 3, 2021  
April 7, 2021

The special meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 7:14 p.m.