



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS January 6, 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, January 6, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

Directors Absent: Michal Alchikh

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

1. CALL TO ORDER Board president Kristine Stanga 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. Approval of Agenda: *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of January 6, 2021.*

Approval Motion: Kristine Stanga **Second:** Edward Singh **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. Approval of Minutes: *Approval of this item approves the minutes for the Board Meeting of December 2, 2020*

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

3.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

4. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public shared any comments.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Daniel Crook

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

a. Brown Act Training: Mr. Soriano explained that the Brown Act Training has been postponed to February. There will be more information to follow.

b. Governance Training

Mr. Soriano updated the board on the Governance Training self-paced modules. An email invitation from the Charter School Development Center (CSDC) should have been sent to each board member to access the training modules. If a board member has not received the link, please contact Mr. Soriano. The logins expire after 30 days, if not completed and new logins will be reissued.

c. Suicide Prevention Policy: Mr. Soriano confirmed BEST academy has a suicide prevention policy. The San Diego County Office of Education has a standard policy that our charter has adopted. BEST would like to look at the policy in accordance with parent training and online learning. There will be an updated policy in February.

d. Curriculum Data Presentation: Mr. Mays explained Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) evaluation system that demonstrates demographics, NWEA scores and assessments. These evaluations assist BEST in having a benchmark for student achievement in Lexia, Beable, RosettaStone, and Achieve3000. Mr. Mays showed graphics portraying student achievement levels. There will be another evaluation in April to compare academic growth and areas that need improvement. BEST is partnering with a new program that delivers weekly parent educational webinars in a variety of areas from suicide prevention to college information presented in English and Spanish. Mr. Soriano explained the importance of parent involvement and the direct effect it has on the student and their school work improvement. Mr. Mays added that empowering the parents of our students is an investment in the student's education.

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 December.

Approval Motion: Kristine Stanga **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

8.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

9. ACTION ITEMS

10. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Nastov expressed his appreciation for the curriculum presentation to the school board. Mr. Cipres and Mrs. Stanga agreed that the presentation was helpful.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Soriano communicated the importance of sharing BEST Academy's Educational data with the school board. Mr. Mays echoed the sentiment and discussed future opportunities for board members to meet some of the families BEST serves.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres **Second:** Kristine Stanga **Ayes:** All

12.a Roll Call to adjourn

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

February 3, 2021

March 3, 2021

April 7, 2021

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:44 p.m.