

B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Tuesday, August 11, 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 Tuesday, August, 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, Bryan Farmer, Daniel Crook, and Isa Melvin

1. CALL TO ORDER Board member Chad Leptich called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Chad Leptich

3. APPROVAL OF Agenda: *Approval of this item approves the agenda 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *Approval of this item approves the minutes for the Special Board Meeting of July 24, 2020*

4.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov -aye

Edward Singh - aye

Chad Leptich - aye
Michal Alchikh - aye

5. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

No members of the public shared any comments.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION /

REPORTS No members of the public shared any comments.

7. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS

a. Budget Update: The Projected revenues and expenses for 2020-2021 were shared. Despite cuts to the budget, B.E.S.T. is expected to end the year with a positive balance. Mr. Mays shared that B.E.S.T. has stopped enrolling new students as of July but will revisit this decision mid-September. As of the date of the August 11, 2020 meeting around 650 students were enrolled but funds are only being provided for 211 students. B.E.S.T. cut costs by changing furlough days for the teaching staff, reducing the marketing budget, and by focusing on academic supports for the contracts being renewed. Administrative salaries have been reduced instead of instructional staff.

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 June and July.

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

8.a Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov - aye

Edward Singh - aye

Chad Leptich - aye

Michal Alchikh - aye

b. Board Nomination and Election of President: *This process nominates and elects the new BEST Academy Board President.*

Motion tabled until next meeting.

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **Second:** Michal Alchikh **Ayes:** all

Motion passed: Approve the motion to table the nomination and election of the Board's President.

8.b Roll Call

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

c. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): *Approval of the plan establishes California funds to be used to improve student outcomes for all students, especially for English Learners, foster youth, and low-income.*

Mr. Crook, B.E.S.T. Academy's Curriculum Director, presented a proposal for LCAP funding.

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

Motion passed: Approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan

8.c Roll Call

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

d. Formative Ed Contract: *Approval of this contract continues marketing and digital media support.*

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

Motion passed: Approve the Formative Ed contract

8.d Roll Call

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

e. Vendor Amended Contract: *Approval of the following contracts amends the terms of the Discovery of Learning contract and the American Learning Center Contract.*

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

Motion passed: Approve the amended vendor contracts with Discovery of Learning and American Learning Center.

8.e Roll Call

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

9. BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Singh thanked Mr. Soriano and Mr. Mays for including financial information in detail. Mr. Singh expressed his support for the decision to value teachers so as to provide the best support for students. Mr. Leptich concurred, adding that the directors have made the right cuts and sacrifices to ensure financial and academic success for the school. Mr. Leptich thanked the board members for their involvement.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Mays expressed appreciation to the board for the last meetings in these difficult times and circumstances. Mr. Soriano welcomed and thanked the new Curriculum Director, Daniel Crook, for his assistance and thanked the board members.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **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:

September 2, 2020
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 7:03 p.m.