APPROVED

Escuela Avancemos! Academy

Minutes

Regular Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday September 24, 2019 at 6:30 PM

Location
2635 Howard St Detroit, MI 48216

MISSION STATEMENT: Prepare, educate, and inspire every child, every day to be lifelong leaders and learners in our 21st-century world.

Directors Present
A. Bordeianu, C. Stamatin, G. Farmer, L. Chittum

Directors Absent
M. Barbour, M. Gonzalez

Guests Present
A. Ulloa, Andrew Mosquera, Dahime Gordon, Dr. Lorilyn Coggins, Larry Wilkerson, Michelle Hadous, S. Johnson, S. Townsin, S. Yassine, Waseem Younis

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Stamatin called a meeting of the board of directors of Escuela Avancemos! Academy to order on Tuesday Sep 24, 2019 at 6:35 PM.

II. Approval of Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

A. Bordeianu made a motion to Approve the September 24, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Agenda.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

G. Farmer	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent
C. Stamatin	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent

III. Organizational Items

A. Adopt Spring 2019 Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines

A. Bordeianu made a motion to Adopt the Spring 2019 Board Policies and Administrative Guidelines that were provided for review and consideration by the National Charter Schools Institute which includes Board Policy 2410 Prohibition on Referral or Assistance.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Barbour	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye
G. Farmer	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
L. Chittum	Aye

IV. Consent Agenda Item

A. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

L. Chittum made a motion to Approve the August 27, 2019 board meeting minutes.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Gonzalez	Absent
C. Stamatin	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Aye
G. Farmer	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent

V. New Business

A. Financial Audit presented by Wilkerson & Associates P.C.

G. Farmer made a motion to Approve the year ended June 30, 2019, Financial Audit that was presented by Wilkerson & Associates, P.C.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Stamatin	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent
G. Farmer	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye

Financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2019, was presented by Mr. Larry Wilkerson of Wilkerson & Associates, P.C. The audit went extremely well with no findings. Mr. Wilkerson informed the Board of Trustees of an upcoming first-time school district financial statement requirement. Effective June 30, 2021, the GASB Statement No.87-Leases statement requires recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities.

B. Chief Administrative Officer Resolution

A. Bordeianu made a motion to designate Linda Chittum, Board Treasurer as the Academy's Chief Administrative Officer.
G. Farmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Stamatin	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent
M. Gonzalez	Absent
G. Farmer	Aye

C. Title IX Representative Resolution

A. Bordeianu made a motion to designate Sean Townsin, School Principal as the Academy's Title IX Representative.
G. Farmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

C. Stamatin	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent
M. Gonzalez	Absent
G. Farmer	Aye

Roll Call

L. Chittum Aye

D. Legal Counsel Resolution

G. Farmer made a motion to appoint Dickinson Wright, PLLC as the legal counsel to represent the Academy in all ongoing business matters.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Gonzalez Absent
M. Barbour Absent
A. Bordeianu Aye
L. Chittum Aye
G. Farmer Aye
C. Stamatin Aye

E. Civil Rights Representative Resolution

L. Chittum made a motion to designate Stephanie Yassine, Executive Director as the Academy's Civil Rights Representative to assure compliance with the law.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu Aye
M. Barbour Absent
L. Chittum Aye
M. Gonzalez Absent
G. Farmer Aye
C. Stamatin Aye

F. Freedom of Information Act Coordinator Resolution

G. Farmer made a motion to designate Sean Townsin, School Principal as the Academy's Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

A. Bordeianu Aye
C. Stamatin Aye
L. Chittum Aye
G. Farmer Aye
M. Gonzalez Absent
M. Barbour Absent

G.

Homeless Children and Youth Liaison Resolution

A. Bordeianu made a motion to designate School Social Worker as the Academy's local liaison for homeless children and youth as authorizes under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
L. Chittum seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Chittum	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent
G. Farmer	Aye
M. Gonzalez	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye

H. School Safety Liaison Resolution

G. Farmer made a motion to appoint Sean Townsin, School Principal or his designee as the School Safety Commission Liaison effective immediately.
A. Bordeianu seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Gonzalez	Absent
A. Bordeianu	Aye
M. Barbour	Absent
G. Farmer	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye
L. Chittum	Aye

VI. Reports

A. 21st CCLC Overview Presentation

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool program will begin on September 30, 2019. Mr. Waseem Younis, AIMS, Inc (President of the management company for Dearborn Academy) provided the Board of Directors a brief overview of the program. Ms. Michelle Hadous, 21st CCLC Program Director and Ms. Dahiem Gordon, Escuela Avancemos Site Director were introduced to the board.

B. Sanga Monthly Management Report

The Sanga Management report was presented by Mr. Sean Townsin and Ms. Stephanie Yassine. Mr. Townsin shared with the Board of Trustees that the Academy's first month of school is off to a great start. Operationally, the school is running efficiently and the team is consistently reminding the community of what makes it the penultimate school of choice for hundreds of families. The Academy's founder, Ms. Ana Ulloa is consistently

present at the academy which has tremendously reinforced relationships with families. Ms. Ulloa shared the Family Literacy organic model that will be soon launched at the Academy's Parent and Family Resource Center.

The NWEA MAP assessment for all students will begin on September 30, 2019. The Academy's Spanish Teacher, Andrew Mosquera presented a brief bi-literacy overview of the pilot Spanish NWEA test. This pilot testing will show students Spanish proficiency growth on a standardized test. In addition, Mr. Townsin presented an overview of the Academy's current educational programs that supports bi-literacy. Ms. Yassine updated the Board of Trustees on the school building, playground, fencing, and modular updates.

C. August 2019 Financials

August 2019 financial reports were presented by Dr. Lorilyn Coggins highlighting cash on hand, year-to-date revenues, year-to-date expenditures, and the current fund balance in a summarized format. The financials are in order. Dr. Coggins was pleased that the June 30, 2019 audit presented by Wilkerson & Associates was identified as having no findings.

VII. Extended Public Comment:

A. This public comment section is reserved for all remaining comments.

No extended public comments.

VIII. Board Comments

A. Authorizer Comments

None at this time.

B. Board Comments

Madame President Cristina Stamatin, Ana Ulloa and Stephanie Yassine were invited to speak at the Central Michigan University Board of Trustees Meeting on September 19, 2019. It was a humbling but rewarding experience for Madame President Cristina Stamatin to share with others all the great things that are happening at Escuela Avancemos! Academy. In order to keep the momentum, a Board Retreat must occur next month for strategic planning purposes. Please continue board member recruitment efforts.
The Board of Trustees is elated with the overall commitment, progress, and communication that the team exemplifies. A special "thank you" to Dr. Coggins for maintaining a positive budget and great audit. Accolades to Mr. Townsin for putting the bi-literacy presentation together for a closer look at the Academy's bi-literacy structure.

IX. Closing Items

A.

Reconfirmation of Next Board Meeting

B. Adjourn Meeting

L. Chittum made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
G. Farmer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Barbour	Absent
M. Gonzalez	Absent
L. Chittum	Aye
A. Bordeianu	Aye
G. Farmer	Aye
C. Stamatin	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. Johnson
Approved by the Board of Trustees on October 22, 2019.

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Board Secretary **Date**