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# Explorations Charter School

## Minutes

### Governing Board Regular Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday September 19, 2023 at 5:30 PM

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#### Directors Present

Ginni Block (remote), Lori Noto (remote), Robert Peterson (remote), Sarah Annis Haynes (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Bill Hallam, Hilary Paden, Melony Brady-Shanley

#### Guests Present

Jill Johnson (remote), Susan O'Rourke (remote)

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### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

Robert Peterson called a meeting of the board of directors of Explorations Charter School to order on Tuesday Sep 19, 2023 at 5:32 PM.

#### C. Approve Minutes - 6/22/2023 Regular Board Meeting

Sarah Annis Haynes made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 06-22-23.

Robert Peterson seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**D. Approve Minutes - 8/5/2023 Board Retreat**

Lori Noto made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Retreat on 08-05-23.  
Robert Peterson seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**II. Financial**

**A. Monthly Report**

Ginni Block made a motion to Approve the Financial Monthly report.  
Lori Noto seconded the motion.  
Air Conditioner died in August due to lightning.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**III. Committee Updates**

**A. Finance Committee**

The school received employee retention credit.  
  
The school closed on its mortgage.

**B. Policy Committee**

No update at this time.

**C. Personnel Committee**

No update at this time.

**IV. School News**

**A. Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism**

Huge thank you for Beth and Joe for all of their tireless work with the Attendance Committee.

At the end of September 2022, the school had 32 students chronically absent. As of the mid of September 2023, the school has 14 students chronically absent.

**B. General Updates**

1. Upcoming Parent Meetings: September 19th at the school with pizza. Topic "Digital Obsessions" presented by Silver Hill.
2. Silver Hill to provide period presentations to both the staff and for parents.

3. New program called Senior Ambassadors. Seniors had to apply to do. Leadership program.
4. Enrollment: Enrollment is currently down to 89 students.

## **V. Other Business**

### **A. Corrective Action Plan & State Meeting**

Jill and Joe met with the State for four hours.  
State coming back out on 10/5.

### **B. Renewal Application Update & Discussion**

State renewal application was completed and due 9/8. State application is typically due in November. Application consisted of 38 documents.

### **C. Discussion and possible action regarding enrollment**

Robert Peterson made a motion to give the school administration discretion to reduce the capacity of the school student body as long as their funds to do so.  
Lori Noto seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **VI. Executive Session**

### **A. Board entered into Executive Session at 6:18pm.**

Ginni Block made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:18 pm.  
Robert Peterson seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### **B. Discussion held.**

### **C. Executive Session ended at 6:34pm**

## **VII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginni Block

### **B. Next Meetings:**

October 3rd for prep of the State

October 17th Next Board Meetings

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- Monthly Report August 2023.pdf
- Explorations - Appendix B - Renewal Application.pdf