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# Explorations Charter School

## Minutes

### Governing Board Regular Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM

#### **Location**

Virtual

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#### **Directors Present**

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

#### **Directors Absent**

Bill Hallam, Melony Brady-Shanley

#### **Directors who left before the meeting adjourned**

Hilary Paden

#### **Guests Present**

Jill Johnson (remote), Joe White (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 Apr 23, 2024 at 5:30 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes - 3/19/2024 Regular Board Meeting

Lori Noto made a motion to approve the minutes from Governing Board Regular Meeting on 03-19-24.

Robert Peterson seconded the motion.

Kris accepted with corrections

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Melony Brady-Shanley	Absent
Ginni Block	Aye
Bill Hallam	Absent
Lori Noto	Aye
Kristin Peterson	Aye
Robert Peterson	Aye
Hilary Paden	Aye

## II. Financial

### A. Monthly Report

Robert Peterson made a motion to approve the Monthly Report.

Lori Noto seconded the motion.

Discussion held.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Ginni Block	Aye
Robert Peterson	Aye
Hilary Paden	Aye
Bill Hallam	Absent
Melony Brady-Shanley	Absent
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Lori Noto	Aye
Kristin Peterson	Aye

Chris King to present at May meeting audit findings.

## III. Committee Updates

### A. Finance Committee

Finance Committee to meet Friday at 10 am.

### B. CEO Support & Evaluation

Lori Noto looked at Board on Track. Waiting on a handful of teachers to finish evaluations.

About half the kids in the school took part in the survey.

About a third of the parents took part in the survey.

**C. Personnel Committee**

The draft of the Employee Handbook went to the board. Waiting for the rest of the board to review. Will then be on the agenda for the staff retreat. Then sent to the Attorney for review.

**D. Policy Committee**

Kris Peterson to join the committee.

Policy 4212.42 - Drug and Alcohol Testing for Bus Drivers

Policy discussed. Concern with the topic of student allergies to be in this policy. Policy is tabled upon further investigation.

Ginni Block made a motion to to approve Policy 5145.6 - Student Grievance Procedures with Changes.

Robert Peterson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Bill Hallam	Absent
Ginni Block	Aye
Robert Peterson	Aye
Kristin Peterson	Aye
Sarah Annis Haynes	Aye
Lori Noto	Aye
Hilary Paden	Aye
Melony Brady-Shanley	Absent

Policy 4118 - Grievance Procedure. Discussion held. Flowchart needs to be added. Tabled till next meeting.

**E. By-Law Revision**

Board Bylaws - 9270 - Conflict of Interest 1 and 2. Updated.

Hilary Paden left.

**IV. School News**

**A. Attendance/Chronic Absenteeism**

March:

CA (ytd) = 48.8% (was 55.2% last year)

Avg Daily Attendance = 86.01% (85.75% last year)

Grade Level - Avg. Daily Attendance / CA

9th - 79.98% / 68.8%

10th - 90.72 / 34.8%

11th - 85.09% / 42.9%

12th - 86.72% / 53.3%

Attendance rates are better than last year.

## B. Charter Renewal Update

Reviewed letter

## C. 2024-2025 Explorations Calendar

Discussion held. Request to not have the first day be just for new students, but for all students to start the same day. Calendar discussion to be discussed with staff. Tabled to next month's meeting.

## D. General Updates

Open House was well attended. All certified teachers were in attendance.

## E. Members

Ginni Block made a motion to to accept Kali Blakeslee as the teacher representative to replace Bill Hallam.

Kristin Peterson seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### Roll Call

Robert Peterson Aye

Sarah Annis Haynes Aye

Hilary Paden Aye

Kristin Peterson Aye

Ginni Block Aye

Bill Hallam Absent

Melony Brady-Shanley Absent

Melanie, Superintendent of Winsted Schools will be leaving in June.

## V. Other Business

### A. Senior Fundraising Dinner

Thursday, April 25th at Rowleys. 10% of proceed to benefit Seniors.

### B. Educator Appreciation Week

Ginni Block reminded us that Educator Appreciation week is May 6-10. Ginni to organize paying for lunch from Railway for staff one day that week.

### **C. Next Meeting**

Next Meeting, May 21st. Joe White to take Minutes as Sarah Haynes will be absent.

## **VI. 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 7:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Robert Peterson

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### **Documents used during the meeting**

- Monthly Report March 2024.pdf
- Renewal Response - 4-8-2024.pdf
- 24-25 Calendar - Draft.pdf
- Rowley Fundraiser Slide 2024.jpg