



Harmony Public Schools

Minutes

April 20, 2019 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Saturday April 20, 2019 at 8:30 AM

Location

Sugar Land Marriott Town Square (16090 City Walk, Sugar Land, TX 77479)

Items will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda above. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such executive or closed session as permitted by and in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. Before any closed meeting is convened, the presiding officer will publicly identify the section or sections of the Texas Open Meetings Act authorizing the closed meeting. All final votes, actions, or decisions will be taken in open meeting.

Directors Present

D. Morales, E. MacDonald, H. Koc, H. Stewart, O. Celepcikay, O. Kanlioglu

Directors Absent

C. Keskin

Guests Present

C. Lambert, F. Ay, K. Camuz, M. Schneider-Vogel, N. Bayhan, O. Ozer, U. Alpaslan

I. Opening Items

A.

Call the Meeting to Order

O. Celepcikay called a meeting of the board of directors of Harmony Public Schools to order on Saturday Apr 20, 2019 at 8:33 AM.

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comments

Maria Leon informs the board that she is here due to her sons expulsion. She is fine with him being expelled but would like the board to change the reason for why her son is being expelled to reflect what actually happened. He is currently attending his ISD school but is not in class and would like the reasoning changed for the expulsion so he can be with his fellow classmates. She understands he made a mistake but would like the expulsion paperwork to reflect the mistake made.

Adro Gomez informs the board that he is also here to ask for help regarding his sons expulsion. He would like the expulsion forms to remove what is on there and to correct the actions so his son can go about his normal life. He understands that his son is a teenager and made a mistake and that everyone has made mistakes and he learned from this and is ready to move on. He states that he wants to clarify that the paperwork currently says he sold drugs and smoked them on school. Mr. Gomez states that he admits his son smoked it but did not sell it. He asks for us to see ourselves as parents and apologizes a hundred and thousand times over. He apologizes to the school and apologizes to us.

Antonio Gomez states he knows he did wrong for the mistake he did at school. I came here to see if you cannot remove it but change the paperwork to the correct mistake I did.

Not to say that I sold it because honestly what was put on my record is affecting me as I am in one room as if I'm in attention. I wanted to see if you can help me and my parents as I see how they are struggling to help me out and I'm the one that committed the mistake here.

D. Consideration of Student Expulsion Appeal

Dr. Celepcikay announces that board members will be going into closed session as permitted by Texas Open Meeting Act Chapters 551071 and Chapters 551082.

Closed Session begins 8:43 AM

Dr. Celepcikay starts regular session at 9:03 AM.

Dr. Celepcikay states in closed session there was no action was taken.

H. Stewart made a motion to uphold the expulsion and direct the administration to amend the expulsion paperwork to reflect the expellable offense as discussed in closed session.

E. MacDonald seconded the motion.

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

E. Consideration of Staff Grievance Appeal

Dr. Celepcikay announces that board members will be going into closed session as permitted by Texas Open Meeting Act Chapters 551071

Closed Session begins 9:04 AM

Dr. Celepcikay starts regular session at 9:40 AM

Dr. Celepcikay states in closed session the board heard from their attorney and there was no action was taken.

Dr. Celepcikay announces that board members will be going into closed session as permitted by Texas Open Meeting Act Chapters 551082 and 551071

Closed Session begins 9:40 AM

Dr. Celepcikay starts regular session at 9:50 AM

Dr. Celepcikay states in closed session there was no action was taken.

D. Morales made a motion to uphold the decision made by Harmony Public School's administration.

O. Kanlioglu seconded the motion.

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

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes for March 30, 2019

D. Morales made a motion to approve minutes from the March 30, 2019 Board Meeting on 03-30-19 March 30, 2019 Board Meeting on 03-30-19.

H. Koc seconded the motion.

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

III. Finance

A. Approval of Q3 FY '19 Budget Amendments

Dr. Bayhan presents the approval of Q3 FY '19 Budget Amendments to the board. He informs the board that the system-wide 420 funds document has been shared with the board and is currently up-to-date as of March 31st. The good news is we have 7 million dollar increase in our revenue and we allocate these funds for instruction and maintenance.

Dr. Celepcikay states that this is good news and asks the board if there are any questions or comments and informs the board that these were also presented during the Finance Committee meeting.

H. Koc made a motion to approve the Q3 FY '19 Budget Amendments.

H. Stewart seconded the motion.

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

B. Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions

Dr. Bayhan presents the minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on April 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM at Central Office. He informs the board that 5 committee members were present as well as our CEO Mr. Ay. The first agenda item covered was authorizing the CEO or designee to continue employee benefits insurance coverage with Sun Life and the committee voted to approve this item. The committee also approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Harmony Public Schools and Rice University School Mathematics Project. The committee approved the contract to the San Antonio Marriott Riverwalk for the San Antonio district summer professional development event. The committee approved RSP no. #HPS1923_HPBL to procure STEMP PBL instructional services. The committee approved RSP no. AUS1920_CASE to procure catering services under the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program for Austin district schools to Revolution Foods. The committee approved RSP no. SAN1920_CASE to procure catering services under the School Breakfast Program and the National School Lunch Program for San Antonio and Laredo schools to Revolution Foods for San Antonio schools and Preferred Meals for Laredo schools. The committee approved RSP no. ELP1922_JANS to procure Odessa Campus janitorial services to the Sunbelt Cleaning. The committee approved RSP no. #HPS1920_ELEP to procure Page 10 of 12 electronic equipment to CDW Government LLC, Netsync Network Solutions, Trinity 3 LLC, Prime Systems (RLS Interests), Unique Digital, Inc., DAHILL OFFICE TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION, Brighten Technology Solutions, Howard Technology Solutions, and Insource Technology Direct LLC. The committee tabled Electronic equipment procurement for the next meeting. The committee approved Competitive Sealed Proposal Bid method for All Upcoming Harmony Public Schools Construction Projects this year that are going for open public bidding. The committee approved Change Order # 2R1 for the HSA – Grand Prairie – New Classroom Building Project Plan Revisions. The committee approved construction bid award for the HSA San Antonio Roof Refurbishment to D&G Quality Roofing Inc.

H. Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes and actions of the Finance Committee Meeting that was held on April 12, 2019.

E. MacDonald seconded the motion.

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

IV. Academic

A.

Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions

Dr. Ozer present the minutes of the Academic Committee Meeting that was held on April 12th at 12:00 PM at Central Office. He informs the board there were two items which included approval of amendments for the 2019-2020 High School Academic Guides and Course Catalog and Student Parent Handbook. The second item was regarding T-STEM (Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at Harmony. Dr. Ozer states that the Office of Civil Rights requested amendments to our guidelines on providing some changes regarding student eligibility to dual credit and AP programs. This change included the students would receive accommodations in advanced classes unless that accommodation would constitute a fundamental alteration of the Pre-AP, AP class or dual credit course, or otherwise pose an undue burden. The second item reviewed by the committee was T-STEM (Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) at Harmony. Dr. Ozer reviewed some of the accolades from HPS T-STEM program and reviewed representation in the advisory board.

E. MacDonald made a motion to approve the minutes and actions of the Academic Committee Meeting that was held on April 12, 2019.

H. Stewart seconded the motion.

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

V. Other Business

A. Consider Approval/Ratification of the Minutes and of the Actions

Dr. Celepcikay presents the minutes of the Governance Committee meeting that was held on April 12, 2019 at 10:30 AM at Central Office. He informs the board that they continued to review by-law updates and changes made by general counsel and will continue to work on this and bring to the boards attention for final board approval.

Ms. Morales asks how much longer do we have regarding the by-laws updates. Dr. Celepcikay states he believes the plan is for one last meeting and then we will bring these final changes to Merri and go over this with her during our governance committee meeting and the third time will bring to the full board. This is a long and important document and will be shared with the board at least 15 days or one month in advance to the board meeting for approval.

H. Koc made a motion to approve the minutes and actions of the Governance Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2019.

O. Kanlioglu seconded the motion.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Closing Remarks

None.

B. Adjourn Meeting

H. Stewart made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D. Morales seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Lambert