

# MS Delta Academies

## Minutes

### March 2021 Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday March 23, 2021 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

Tamala Boyd Shaw is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: MDA~Legacy Board Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

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#### Directors Present

Emily Cupples (remote), Jacquelyn Brownlow (remote), McKinley Martin (remote), Sonja Hollins-Alexander (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Steve Fortenberry

#### Guests Present

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Ann Krafcik, Tamala Shaw (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Call the Meeting to Order**

Emily Cupples called a meeting of the board of directors of MS Delta Academies to order on Tuesday Mar 23, 2021 at 5:38 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Approve Agenda**

Jacquelyn Brownlow made a motion to approve the agenda.

Sonja Hollins-Alexander seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Approve Minutes**

McKinley Martin made a motion to approve the minutes from Meeting of the Board of Directors of MS Delta Academies on 02-23-21.

Sonja Hollins-Alexander seconded the motion.

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

## **II. Dr. Shaw asked Board Members to pose key items/questions to guide future reports**

### **A. Emily Cupples**

Asked ED to address facilities, COVID vaccine updates, remote learning, academic progress, hiring, enrollment, funding.

### **B. Sonja Hollins-Alexander**

Asked for a funding update, particularly new federal funding now available, how to access it, and how best to leverage and expend the funding, and professional learning plans for this and next year for the staff, particularly in regards to data-informed instruction.

### **C. McKinley Martin**

Asked to hear about pressing legal matters or contract matters, hot-button issues, legal health of the school.

### **D. Jacquelyn Brownlow**

Asked to hear about student safety re: COVID-19.

## **III. Dr. Shaw's report**

### **A.**

## **Student & Staff Health and COVID Measures**

The school has seen zero cases of COVID since bringing students back on campus. Dr. Shaw covered the safety precautions being implemented and how ESSER funds are being used to support COVID prevention and mitigation. On-site rapid tests will soon be implemented for anyone on site presenting symptoms. Dr. Shaw shared the status of staff vaccinations and board members discussed and made recommendations.

Action Items: Mr. Martin will research related legal matters.

## **B. Student Enrollment Update**

Dr. Shaw shared current for this school year enrollment is at 120. For next year, new student enrollment for 6th grade is at 54. Dr. Shaw discussed recruitment strategies.

## **C. Hiring**

Dr. Shaw shared a hiring update and the interview process being used. Expecting to be fully staffed by April 15th.

## **D. Facilities**

Dr. Shaw an update about the status of the school building, including repairs, updates, HVAC, and adding more classrooms.

## **E. Hybrid & Remote Learning and Academic Progress**

Dr. Shaw gave an update about student academic progress and hybrid/remote learning. She also discussed the follow up she's doing with teachers to ensure they are digging into the data to help support students and families, especially those who are struggling. The entire staff had a Data Day yesterday and looked particularly at benchmark assessments, ANET, goal setting, and goal "notebooks" the students create for themselves to understand their own academic progress.

## **F. Legal Matters**

Dr. Shaw shared there are no pressing legal matters except the pending facility lease. Mr. Martin asked clarifying follow up questions.

Action Items: Mr. Martin will draft the lease with a target date of April 1. Goal is to have the contract fully executed by July 1.

## **G. Financials**

Dr. Shaw reviewed the financial documents onscreen with members and gave an update on federal funding and philanthropic fundraising. She also gave an update on the 21st CCLC grant and program implementation. Mr. Martin posed a clarifying question.

#### **IV. Governance Committee Report**

##### **A. Board Members**

Ms. Cupples shared the name of a potential board member who has expressed interest. The board and Dr. Shaw discussed his qualifications and next steps. The committee has not discussed this yet, but will discuss at a future governance meeting.

#### **V. 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 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Krafcik