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## Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

### Minutes

#### Working Session

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**Date and Time**

Thursday May 7, 2020 at 6:00 PM

**Location**

Web Conference Link - <https://meet.google.com/fpq-sjvr-xjr>

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OUR MISSION: Menlo Park Academy is a public school that develops the potential of gifted learners through an exemplary program of rewarding experiences that nurtures the whole child.

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**Directors Present**

Dante Giancola (remote), Fraser Hamilton Sr (remote), Richard Hronek (remote), Susan Dornan (remote), Suzanne McFarland (remote), Teri Harrison (remote)

**Directors Absent**

*None*

**Directors who arrived after the meeting opened**

Richard Hronek, Suzanne McFarland

**Guests Present**

Ashley O'Malley, Dave Massa (remote), Jeff Jaroscak (remote), Jon Smith, Kateland Kacic, Melissa McCarthy (remote), Tara Schmitt (remote), Tiffany Randle (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A.**

## **Record Attendance and Guests**

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

Teri Harrison called a meeting of the board of directors of Menlo Park Academy Governing Board to order on Thursday May 7, 2020 at 6:02 PM.

## **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

### **A. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Strategic Planning Session 4/4/2020**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Strategic Planning Session on 04-04-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 4/16/2020 Regular Board Meeting**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Board Meeting on 04-16-20.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

## **III. Health Insurance**

### **A. Renewal Option**

Dave Massa and Jon Smith spoke on health insurance options.

Suzanne McFarland arrived.

Richard Hronek arrived.

## **IV. Action Items**

### **A. SY20-21 School Calendar**

Richard Hronek made a motion to approve the 20-21 school calendar as presented with the addition of 3 days to the beginning of the school year for professional development, and removing administrative holiday from March.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Loan Resolution**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to authorize the board secretary Susan Dornan to sign the loan resolution as presented.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

Through the Cares Act we have applied for a forgivable loan that will be spent on payroll and rent expenses. At the end of the term the loan can be forgiven and becomes a grant.

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

## **V. Discussion Items**

### **A. FY21 Budget Draft**

The 20/21 school year budget was discussed.

### **B. Website Update**

Tara Schmitt spoke on the updated website.

## **VI. COVID-19 Task Force**

### **A. Task Force Charter**

Richard Hronek made a motion to table the vote on the Covid-19 Task Force Committee Charter.

Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Membership**

Teri Harrison made a motion to elect Susan Dornan as the chair of the Covid-19 Task Force Committee.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to elect Suzanne McFarland and Rich Hronek as members of the Covid-19 Task Force Committee.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Building & Operations Update**

Fraser Hamilton spoke on the basement building project.

### **D. Next Steps**

## **VII. Executive Session**

### **A. Executive Session**

Teri Harrison made a motion to discuss pending litigation.

Fraser Hamilton Sr seconded the motion.

Entered into Executive session at 8:15pm. Invited in Jeff Jaroscak, Dave Massa and Tiffany Randle

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

**Roll Call**

Teri Harrison Aye  
Suzanne McFarland Aye  
Dante Giancola Aye  
Susan Dornan Aye  
Fraser Hamilton Sr Aye  
Richard Hronek Aye

Executive Session ended at 8:20pm.

Teri Harrison made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the performance of a public official.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

Entered into executive session at 8:20pm.

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

**Roll Call**

Suzanne McFarland Aye  
Teri Harrison Aye  
Fraser Hamilton Sr Aye  
Susan Dornan Aye  
Richard Hronek Aye  
Dante Giancola Aye

Executive session ended at 8:43 pm.

**VIII. Consulting Agreement**

**A. Consulting agreement with ACCEL Schools**

Richard Hronek made a motion to delegate the execution of a contract with Accel Schools to Executive Committee not to exceed \$31,000.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

**IX. 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 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Dornan