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# Menlo Park Academy Governing Board

## Minutes

### Working Session

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday July 1, 2020 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

Virtual Meeting

[meet.google.com/huv-izdd-bgt](https://meet.google.com/huv-izdd-bgt)

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OUR MISSION: Menlo Park Academy is a public school that nurtures gifted children through an exemplary program and rewarding experiences which develop the whole child.

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#### Directors Present

Dante Giancola (remote), Fraser Hamilton Sr (remote), Susan Dornan (remote), Suzanne McFarland (remote), Teri Harrison (remote), Tiffany Randle (remote)

#### Directors Absent

Melissa Picone, Richard Hronek

#### Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Dante Giancola

#### Guests Present

Barbee Thomas (remote), David Berenson (remote), Jeff Jaroscak (remote), Melissa McCarthy (remote), Sarah O'Bryan (remote), Seamus O'Hara (remote), Sylvia Rimm

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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 Wednesday Jul 1, 2020 at 6:05 PM.

## **II. Action Items**

### **A. New Hires**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to hire Christine Werling as a teacher for an annual salary up to \$39,000 pending background check.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

Dante Giancola arrived.

### **B. Social-Emotional Services Proposal**

Susan Dornan made a motion to table the vote until a later date.

Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.

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

### **C. Student Services Agreement**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the vote until the next meeting.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

### **D. Board on Track Renewal**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to authorize the renewal of the Board on Track agreement as presented.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

### **E. Technology needs**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the vote.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

## **III. 2020-21 Objectives & Goals**

### **A. MPA 2024 - Objectives**

Teri Harrison spoke on the long term objectives.

**B. 2020-21 Goal Framework**

Teri Harrison spoke on the 20-21 goal framework.

**IV. Staff Updates**

**A. Onboarding**

Seamus O'Hara's official first day will be 7/6/20.

**V. COVID-19 Task Force Update**

**A. Sub team Updates**

Susan Dornan spoke on possible covid guidelines for fall in regards to social distancing in the school.

Suzanne McFarland spoke on possible covid guidelines for fall in regards to the programming.

**B. COVID Needs**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to approve an expenditure of up to \$4500 for plexiglass dividers in the student restrooms for the sinks and teacher work spaces.

Dante Giancola seconded the motion.

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

**C. Barrier modification, front desk area**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to table the vote.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

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

**VI. Executive Session**

**A. Executive Session**

Teri Harrison made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the performance of a public employee.

Susan Dornan seconded the motion.

Invited in Seamus O'Hara, Sarah O'Bryan, Jeff Jaroscak, Barbee Thomas

Entered into session at 8:21 pm

Exited Session at 8:27 pm

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

**Roll Call**

Melissa Picone      Absent

Richard Hronek      Absent

**Roll Call**

Fraser Hamilton Sr	Aye
Tiffany Randle	Aye
Teri Harrison	Aye
Suzanne McFarland	Aye
Susan Dornan	Aye
Dante Giancola	Aye

**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 8:29 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Dornan

**VIII. Employment Status**

**A. Employment Status Change**

Fraser Hamilton Sr made a motion to terminate employment of Ms. Janie Zell effective 6/26/2020 at 12:00 pm.  
Suzanne McFarland seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.