

### Northwood Academy Charter School

### **Finance Committee Meeting**

Amended on December 1, 2020 at 5:51 PM EST

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday December 2, 2020 at 6:00 PM EST

#### Location

This meeting will occur via a Zoom webinar

Please click the link below to join the webinar:

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#### **Agenda**

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			6:00 PM
A. Record Attendance		Jim Marshall	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Jim Marshall	1 m
C. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes	Approve Minutes	Jim Marshall	2 m

Approve minutes for Finance Committee September Meeting on September 30, 2020

II. Finance 6:04 PM

A. Discuss CBAs Discuss 30 m

2020.045 New website design and hosting

2020.046 Release a substitute teacher from contract obligations

2020.047 Purchase 60 MacBooks

2020.048 Purchase 60 Monitors,

2020.049 Purchase 60 Instructional Carts

2020.050 Install a Bipolar Ionization System

2020.051 Purchase GoGuardian Software License

#### 2020.052 Total HR Solutions Contract Renewal/Fee Increase

III. New Business			6:34 PM
A. Food Services Revenue Update	Discuss	Kristie Dugan	10 m
B. CBA Draft Process Document	Discuss	Jim Marshall	10 m
IV. Closing Items			6:54 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote		1 m

## **Cover Sheet**

### Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

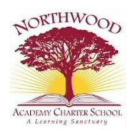
Section: I. Opening Items

Item: C. Approve Prior Meeting's Minutes

Purpose: Approve Minutes

Submitted by: Related Material:

Minutes for Finance Committee September Meeting on September 30, 2020 2020\_09\_30\_finance\_committee\_september\_meeting\_minutes.pdf



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#### Location

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#### **Committee Members Present**

A. Hollister (remote), J. Marshall (remote), K. Dugan (remote), K. Spraga (remote), T. Taylor (remote)

#### **Committee Members Absent**

None

#### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Marshall called a meeting of the Finance Committee of Northwood Academy Charter School to order on Wednesday Sep 30, 2020 @ 6:03 PM.

#### II. Finance

#### A. Discuss CBAs

Discussed making the following changes to CBA format

1. Reformatting the CBAs to include permanent Committee approval:

- 1. Add Finance Committee
- 2. Add Governance Committee
- 3. Add Academic Excellence Committee
- 4. Add CEO Support and Evaluation
- 2. Have CEO approval above the committees in CBA form (i.e. CEO signs off first)
- 3. Include dates for review/approval for committees and CEO
- 4. Noted that finance committee cannot approve an expenditure in lieu of board approval, merely review and approve it's presentation to the larger board
- 5. Add section on CBA noting a reference for origin of the CBA. Current mechanisms are
  - 1. Pandemic
  - 2. Operating
  - 3. Instructional
  - 4. Grant Money

Discussed including HVAC and Water Filter matters into annual budget

Performed a page turn/review of the following CBAs

2020.33 - Family ID Service

2020.35 - Swivl Robot (Testing Unit)

2020.36 - Swivl Robot (60 Unit order)

2020.41 - iPADS for SWIVL (61 Units)

2020.37 - Smart Sheets

2020.38 - Water Coolers

2020.39 - HVAC Filter Change

2020.40 - PHL ConnectED

2020.41 - Personnel Protective Equipment

2020.42 - Recruitment Contract

#### **III. New Business**

#### A. CBA Process

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#### IV. Closing Items

#### A. Adjourn Meeting

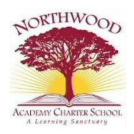
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Marshall

#### Documents used during the meeting

- CBA 2020.42.pdf
- CBA Tab 2020.33.pdf
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## **Cover Sheet**

### **Discuss CBAs**

Section: II. Finance

Item: A. Discuss CBAs

Purpose: Discuss

Submitted by:

Related Material: CBA 2020.45 - 2020.52.pdf

# NORTHWOOD ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL COST / BENEFIT ANAYLSIS

Date:	10/8/2020_	CBA #:	2020.45
		<b>Budget</b> (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic
			Operating
			Instructional
			Grant Money
Request:	New website design and hosting		_
Prepared by:	Kristie Dugan		

#### **Overview of the Project**

Northwood Academy Charter School solicited proposals for the development, design and hosting of a new website. Our current website was created approximately 10 years ago through Weebly. Although it has served us well, we are ready for an upgrade that will hopefully breathe new life into our current site. We are also looking for ease of use as well as clear direction when visitors explore our site.

#### **Projected Cost**

One Sheet Brand Guide + Custom Design & Development		\$4,500
CMS / Hosting / SSL / Support - \$350/month		\$4,200
Translation - \$10/month for unlimited languages		\$120
Transfer of Content from old site to new site		\$1,000
	Total	\$9,820.00

#### **Benefits**

The benefits of this project are:

- ~ We will have technical expertise in building interactive, responsive sites at our disposal.
- ~ We will be a partner in the project build by involving our team, but also have the vendor take the lead when needed.
- ~ We will be assisted with our vision from a professional resource, who will provide ideas for the project beyond what is presented initially based on expertise in the field.
- ~ We will create a user-centered design, making the user's experience as seamless as possible.

#### Revenue generating / cost savings

We see revenue generating in two very specific ways, clean navigation for our visitors and ease of editability for our Northwood staff. The current setup of our current website is a bit convoluted. We are looking to bring continuity and clarity for our parents and visitors. Community being able to have ease of use and clarity paves the way for more frequent viewing and less opportunity to miss important Northwood information and updates.

As far as maintenance of the site, we need a less time consuming platform. Although Weebly has served us well, we feel that it is cumbersome to use and need something that can streamline our process. We are losing far too much time trying to format/reformat specific sections. I am confident that with the new platform, time will be saved and used in a more productive way.

#### **Reviews / Approvals**

CEO Approval:	Approved	Date Submitted:	10/5/2020
Committe Review/Approval			
Finance:	Approved	Date of Review/Approval:	10/7/2020
Human Resources	NA	Date of Review/Approval:	NA
Governance:	NA	Date of Review/Approval:	NA
Academic Excellence:	NA	Date of Review/Approval:	NA
CEO Support & Evaluation:	NA	Date of Review/Approval:	NA

# NORTHWOOD ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL COST / BENEFIT ANAYLSIS

Date:	10/28/2020	CBA #:	2020.46
		<b>Budget</b> (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic
			Operating
			Instructional
			Grant Money
Request:	To release a subsitute teacher from her cont	tract obligations from Cenacle Leadership Group	-
Prepared by:	Cindy Carey		
served our school communit current contract with Cenacl obligations with the compan	rade math position due to an unforeseen circu y for the past nine months, has demonstrated e Leadership Group, and to hire her as an emp y.	mstance of the previous employee. A substitute teac quality and effective pedagogy in middle-level matholoyee, we would need to pay a fee to release her fro	ematics. She has a m her contractual
a classroom assistant. The su		ence teacher position. The substitute teacher's skills litical Science and is currently pursuing a Master's de	
breakdown of the number of -The substitute teacher work -Between August 2020 and u -This equals a grand total of -Basing the 174 hours on a 7		nave worked a total of 336 hours. nust cover the paid equivalent of 174 hours.	
while working as the 7th grad would result in a smooth trad Last but not least, the substi	de interim math teacher. At that time, she estansition being that the students are now 8th grature teacher began working with us this sumn	chool year, she became familiar with the school cultuablished a positive rapport with the students, parent aders.  The prepare for the 7th/8th grade math support te gain shown to be effective in her communication and	s, and staff, which
last eight weeks. The substitute teacher has a	oe saved, as we will not have to train a person ute teacher has been trained in all of our techr Bachelor's degree, but is not certified to teach obtain an emergency certification for the subs	who has not been a part of our remote planning and nology tools and remote learning instructional praction the subject. She is currently in school to obtain her titute teacher. Due to the fact that this is a high need	ces. teaching
Reviews / Approvals			
CEO Approval:	Date Submitted:		
Committe Review/Approval Finance:	Date of Review/Approval:		
Governance:	Date of Review/Approval:		
Academic Excellence:	Date of Review/Approval:		

Date of Review/Approval:

CEO Support & Evaluation:

Date:	11/19/2020	_	CBA #:	2020.47
			<b>Budget</b> (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic
				Operating
				Instructional
				Grant Money
Doguesti	CO Stoff MacRos	alto		
Request:	60 Staff MacBoo	JKS		_
Prepared by:	Kristie Dugan			
Overview of the Proje	<u>ct</u>			
online platforms at the same proven that this is not an iss	e time has caused ue when Macbook are not utilizing th	issues for our staff due to a ks are used. It is important to e multiple online platforms	taff use, it has come to our recent attention that u glitch with the Chromebooks. Our own research a o note that students are not experiencing the sam that are required of teachers. The additional 60 Cl	nd testing has e issues on
<b>Projected Cost</b> \$46,740.00 ~ 13-inch MacBo \$10,980.00 ~ 3-year Appleca \$57,720 ~ Total				
	hromebook is rou	ghly 3 years. The lifespan of	increased productivity, we will also see the longev the MacBook is 5+ years. We currently have a M	
Revenue generating /	cost savings			
•			d reliable productivity for our teachers which shous see cost savings with the longevity of the new d	
Reviews / Approvals				
CEO Approval:		Date Submitted:		
Committee Review/Approva	ı			
Committee Review/Approva Finance:	<u>.</u>	Date of Review/Approval:		
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Governance:		Date of Review/Approval:		
Academic Excellence:		Date of Review/Approval:		
CEO Support & Evaluation:		Date of Review/Approval:		

Date:	11/17/2020	)		CBA #:	2020.48
		_	Bud	<b>Iget</b> (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic
					Operating
					Instructional
					Grant Money
Request:	Computer Mon	itors			-
Dranarad hu	Kristia Dugan				
Prepared by:	Kristie Dugan				
Overview of the Proje	<u>ct</u>				
	rs and use the Ma	acBook screen to present the		on. This will provide a dedica with the current set up being	
Projected Cost					
\$149.00 +shipping per unit					
Total ~ \$8940.00					
<u>Benefits</u>					
•	•	or their remote learners and class at one time while cont		en to present their lessons.  I	n doing this, we
Revenue generating /	cost savings				
				hers which should also lend of the social/emotional relati	
Reviews / Approvals					
CEO Approval:		Date Submitted:			
Committee Review/Approva	ıl				
Finance:		Date of Review/Approval:			
		-			
Governance:		Date of Review/Approval:			
Academic Excellence:		Date of Review/Approval:			
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CEO Support & Evaluation:		Date of Review/Approval:			

Date:	11/17/2020			CBA #:	2020.49
			В	udget (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic
					Operating
					Instructional
					Grant Money
Request:	60 Instructional Car	rts			
					_
Prepared by:	Kristie Dugan				
Overview of the Proje	ect				
Although staff will need to s device and monitor as well a	•	• •		ring carts that can serve as a s	tand for their
Projected Cost					
\$100 +shipping per cart Total ~ \$6,000					
<u>Benefits</u>					
The benefit of this purchase	is increased face time	e with students who will	be in remote learnin	g in addition to increased eng	agement for all.
Revenue generating /	cost savings				
	dents remotely and ir	n the classroom will be ke	y to ensure the high	with the ability to be mobile w lest level of continuity for our struction for staff.	
Reviews / Approvals					
CEO Approval:	Da	ate Submitted:			
Committee Review/Approva	al				
Finance:		ate of Review/Approval:			
Governance:	Da	ate of Review/Approval:			
Academic Excellence:	Da	ate of Review/Approval:			
CEO Support & Evaluation:	Da	ate of Review/Approval:			

Date:	11/20/2020	<u>_</u>		CBA #:	2020.50
			E	Budget (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic Operating Instructional Grant Money
Request:	Bipolar Ionizati	on System			_
Prepared by:	Kristie Dugan				
Overview of the Proje	<u>ect</u>				
and viruses. This new techn through the air continuousl more rapidly. When ions co traditional bipolar ionization	ology constantly g y seeking out and a me into contact w n systems produce ndustrial and resid	enerates a high concentra attaching to particles. Larg vith pathogens, their micro harmful ozone as a bypro ential buildings. This upgra	tion of positively and er by virtue of combir bicidal effects reduce duct, the new needle	des pollutants, dust, allergens, in negatively charged ions. These nation, these particles are remothe infectivity of the virus by Spoint bipolar ionization is OZON ting a bi-polar ionization system	ions travel oved from the air 10%. Although NE free and safe
Projected Cost					
The average price would be	\$1,500 to 2,000 p	er unit installed (we have 2	17 units).		
<u>Benefits</u>					
				n turn, maximizing quality of he ts other viruses, so it will be be	
Revenue generating /	cost savings				
•	inimizing the staff	and student illness improv		pay for substitute teachers. T ducation for all. Again, due to	
Reviews / Approvals					
CEO Approval:		Date Submitted:			
Committee Review/Approva	al	_			
Finance:		Date of Review/Approval	l:		
Governance:		Date of Review/Approva	l:		
Academic Excellence:		Date of Review/Approval	:		
CEO Support & Evaluation:		Date of Review/Approval	l:		

Date:	11/19/2020			CBA #:		2020.51
				Budget (highlight sele	ction[s]):	Pandemic
						Operating
						Instructional
						Grant Money
Request:	GoGuardian					-
Prepared by:	Kristie Dugan					
Overview of the Proje	ect					
GoGuardian products allow see running applications. Tl		•		nputer screens, close a	nd open b	rowser tabs, and
Projected Cost						
\$7585.00 per year						
Benefits						
Please <u>click here</u> for a full ex	planation of benefits.					
Revenue generating /	cost savings					
This will be revenue genera chromebooks saves the tim distractions and assist teach device and trouble shoot in	e of students trying to loca ers with keeping students	te and access webs on task. This will al	ites, especially for	the lower school. It w	ill also cut	down on
Reviews / Approvals						
CEO Approval:	Date Su	ubmitted:				
Committee Review/Approva	ıl					
Finance:		f Review/Approval:				
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Governance:	Date of	Review/Approval:				
Academic Excellence:	Date of	f Review/Approval:				
CEO Support & Evaluation:	Date of	f Review/Approval:				

Date:	11/30/2020			CBA #:	2020.52	-
				<b>Budget</b> (highlight selection[s]):		Human Resource
					Operating	Technology
					Instructional	Grant Money
Request:	Total HR Solutions	Contract Fee Increase			_	
Prepared by:	Amy Hollister					
Overview of the Proje	<u>ct</u>					
Contract renewal with Total	HR Solutions					
A 12-month contract renewa 15% rate increase.	al for December 26, 2	020 to December 25, 2	021 for continued P	latnum Partnership with Total H	R Solutions has a	
Projected Cost						-
Monthly Retainer Total: \$8,0 Previous Monthly Amount = This equals a \$6,300 increas THR indicates that this was t	\$7,000 e within the 2020 bud		ar as these were 20	20 rates.		-
<u>Benefits</u>						
Continuation of our current the Platinum Level with on-s		tions: comprehensive p	provision of human	resources consulting services in	accordance with	
Revenue generating /	cost savings					-
N/A						
Reviews / Approvals						-
CEO Approval:	Approved	ate Submitted:	11/30/20			
Committe Review/Approval						
Finance:	Da	ate of Review/Approval	l: [			
Governance:	Da	ate of Review/Approval	l:			
Academic Excellence:	Da	ate of Review/Approva	l:			
CEO Support & Evaluation:	Da	ate of Review/Approval	ı.			

## **Cover Sheet**

### **CBA Draft Process Document**

Section: III. New Business

Item: B. CBA Draft Process Document

Purpose: Discuss

Submitted by:

Related Material: Cost Benefit Analysis Process.pdf

#### **Cost Benefit Analysis - Process**

<u>Intent:</u> Streamline the Budget process started for next fiscal school year as well as provide relevant back-up for funding requests not specifically contemplated in current fiscal school year.

<u>Format:</u> All Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) submissions shall utilize the current format which shall be substantially similar to the final page of this document.

<u>Process:</u> Requests will be categorized as either an '<u>Immediate Funding Request</u>' (an issue that would prevent daily operation of the school) or a '<u>Traditional Funding Request</u>' (all other requests would fall into this category).

#### Traditional Funding Request

Any expenditure between \$2,500 and \$10,000 in total which was not specifically contemplated or otherwise allotted for with the existing budget should be treated as a Traditional Funding Request (TFR). Each TFR should be communicated with a CBA to all Finance committee members and if applicable to the appropriate committee (Governance, Academic Excellence, CEO Support & Evaluation or other ad-hoc committee) having oversight via email no later than the Friday before the next regularly scheduled Finance committee meeting or if applicable next appropriate additional committee (whichever is the more imminent). For clarity the purpose of any TFR which is under \$10,000 is purely for alignment of budget impacts as committee approval is not required within this threshold (this amount is set by \_\_\_\_\_\_ and is subject to change per that policy). It is assumed that by the nature of a Traditional Funding Request time is not of the essence.

Any expenditure or contractual commitment anticipated to result in costs above the \$10,000 threshold must be communicated with a CBA to all Finance committee members and if applicable to the appropriate committee (Governance, Academic Excellence, CEO Support & Evaluation or other ad-hoc committee) via email which will be reviewed at the next regularly scheduled committee meetings and (if approved) included on the agenda for the next Board Meeting. If the date of the next committee meeting is not known at the time of the TFR or scheduled such that it would occur after the desired TFR expenditure then a timeline for the anticipated expenditure date should be provided. The sub-committee(s) will request clarifications or ask any questions before or during the Meeting.

#### Immediate Funding Request

Any Immediate Funding Request between \$2,500 and \$10,000 which was not specifically contemplated within the existing budget should be communicated with a CBA to all Finance committee members via email at least 5 calendar days prior to the requested expenditure inorder to allow time for the sub-committee to ask questions, get clarification or schedule a committee meeting to get aligned with the request in advance of the next Board meeting. If no communication is received from the Finance committee the spending can move forward as outlined in the CBA so long as it conforms with existing policies and controls.

Any expenditure or contractual committee anticipated to result in costs above the \$10,000 threshold should be communicated with a CBA to all Finance committee members. The Finance

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committee will evaluate the request and if necessary request an emergency Board Meeting to further consider the CBA for immediate approval so as to not delay the request.

The above notwithstanding if there is an immediate life safety concern the Board (either in its entirety or at a minimum Board President) should be contacted immediately to discuss next steps and further action.

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Date:		CBA #:		_
		<b>Budget</b> (highlight selection[s]):	Pandemic Operating Instructional	Human Resources Technology Grant Money
Request:			_	
Prepared by:		_		
Overview of the Project	<u>:t</u>			
Projected Cost				_
				_
<u>Benefits</u>				
Revenue generating /	cost savings			_
Reviews / Approvals				_
CEO Approval:	Date Submitted:			
Committe Review/Approval Finance:	Date of Review/Approval:	]		
Governance:	Date of Review/Approval:			
Academic Excellence:	Date of Review/Approval:			
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