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Making Waves Academy

Minutes

March MWA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday March 19, 2020 at 10:00 AM

Location

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The school is closed through April 3rd out of an abundance of caution and in response to the Coronavirus pandemic.

To make sure that we do not miss important compliance deadlines we are planning to keep the March Board Meeting. **This meeting will be held virtually in lieu of in person attendance.** Our board members will be participating via teleconference to minimize person-to-person contact.

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La escuela está cerrada hasta el 3 de abril por una abundancia de precaución y en respuesta a la pandemia de Coronavirus.

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- Under Public Comment, members of the public may
 - Comment on items on the agenda
 - Comment on items not on the agenda
 - ***Presentations are limited to two minutes each***, or a total of twenty minutes for all speakers, or the two-minute limit may be shortened.
- In accordance to the Brown Act, the MWA Board may listen to comments, but can neither discuss nor take action on the topics presented. Members of the board are very limited in their response to statements or questions by persons commenting on items not on the agenda.
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discapacidad, comuníquese con:

Elizabeth Martinez at emartinez@mwacademy.org or 510.262.1511 ext. 1408

Directors Present

Alicia Malet Klein (remote), Burak Gursel (remote), Esther Hugo (remote), Jessica Laughlin (remote), Layla Naranjo (remote), Margaret Watson (remote), Maricela Navarro (remote)

Directors Absent

Daryle Morgan

Guests Present

Alton B. Nelson Jr., Elizabeth Martinez

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

B. Record Attendance and Guests

C. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Standing Reports

A. Compliance to Excellence: Remarks by Board President

Esther Hugo made a motion to amend the agenda to add an action item to extend the school closure.

Maricela Navarro seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Jessica Laughlin Absent

Daryle Morgan Absent

Alicia Malet Klein Aye

Maricela Navarro Aye

Margaret Watson Aye

Burak Gursel Aye

Layla Naranjo Aye

Esther Hugo Aye

School Closure

- The decision to close was approved in an emergency board meeting on Friday, March 13th
- Senior School Director shared that robust plans for continuity of learning and meal distribution is in place, the aim is to continue learning at the highest level for both middle and upper school students
- The school sees this as an opportunity to engage with 22nd Century Learning and is looking at ways to create a stable learning environment given the shifting legislative changes
- Board asked questions regarding:

- College admission requirements and how the school is preparing for this, the Director of College and Career Counseling stated that they are tracking new information closely to inform their plans
- Online engagement from students during this time
 - Data is currently being gathered regarding attendance/participation
 - Preliminary data is showing that students who typically struggle with in-person instruction are thriving
 - Board requested an update from the Senior School Director to share data points from online learning
 - Directors of Curriculum and Instruction share responsibility for the overall Continuity of Learning plan and schedule for all students
- The well-being of faculty and how key staff are being deployed (deans, social workers, etc)
- The meal distribution plan
 - Meals are being distributed on Mondays and Wednesdays, 11-1 through a "drive-through" process around the upper school loop
- Compliance items such as the LCAP
 - The school is waiting for guidance from the state and our authorizer
- The contingency plans for vacancies during the closure

B. Q & A on Associated Student Body Report

ASB President provided an update on key events that have taken place, their successes and challenges.

During the closure, ASB is trying to find ways to support messaging during the closure. Student Activities Coordinator is working with ASB to survey ways that they can continue to create community during this time.

Board asked questions regarding:

- Plans for fundraisers that are planned during this time
 - ASB President stated that all fundraisers scheduled for March are cancelled

C. Deep Dive: Bellwether Engagement Discussion

Chief Executive Officer, Alton B. Nelson Jr. provided an overview of the engagement with Bellwether Education Partners for the development of the strategic plan.

- Board asked questions regarding the process of arriving at the information that was shared
- Board acknowledged the work that has gone into this plan

D. Q & A on Senior School Director Written Report

Board asked questions regarding the school report. Senior School Director provided additional information.

- Senior School Director is working on aligning the culture and practices to ensure that there is one core, Wave-Maker identity for students, staff, faculty, and families
- Board President asked questions regarding the Teaching and Learning Cycle, Tier 3, Special Education, and English Learner Development reports

E. Q & A on CEO Written Report

Board asked questions regarding the CEO's report and for an update on letters of intent and recruitment efforts.

- The school anticipates a return rate of 93% for the upcoming year for teachers and staff based on the letters of intent returned by employees. As of March 2020, we received notification from five teachers and one administrator stating that they will not be returning for the next academic year. The Talent Team has been made aware and they are targeting their recruitment efforts to these vacancies.

F. Q&A on Finance Written Report

No questions were asked.

G. Committee and Advisory Committee Updates

No updates were shared.

H. School Site Council Update

SSC President provided a summary of the last SSC meeting and shared tentative plan for continuing scheduled SSC meetings through the closure.

III. Non-Action Items

A. WASC Visit Debrief

Chief of Staff provided materials that summarized the WASC accreditation visit and board members asked questions.

B. Lottery Update

Student Recruiter provided materials that summarized the lottery cycle and board members asked questions.

C. Board Commitment Form & Form 700 for 2019

Chief of Staff will send forms to board members to be returned by April 1st.

IV. Action Items

A. Extension of School Closure

Burak Gursel made a motion to extend the school closure to April 13th.

Jessica Laughlin seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Burak Gursel Aye
Alicia Malet Klein Aye
Jessica Laughlin Aye
Daryle Morgan Absent
Layla Naranjo Aye
Esther Hugo Aye
Maricela Navarro Aye
Margaret Watson Aye

The school closure is a fluid situation that we will continue to re-assess.

B. Board Minutes: February 6, 2020 Board Meeting

Esther Hugo made a motion to approve the minutes with amendment of votes from February MWA Board Meeting on 02-06-20.

Margaret Watson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Layla Naranjo Aye
Daryle Morgan Absent
Alicia Malet Klein Aye
Maricela Navarro Aye
Margaret Watson Aye
Esther Hugo Aye
Jessica Laughlin Aye
Burak Gursel Aye

C. Accept Minutes for Committees and Advisory Committees

Burak Gursel made a motion to approve.

Layla Naranjo seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Layla Naranjo Aye
Burak Gursel Aye
Daryle Morgan Absent
Alicia Malet Klein Aye
Esther Hugo Aye
Maricela Navarro Aye
Jessica Laughlin Aye

Roll Call

Margaret Watson Aye

D. Second Interim Budget (2019-2020)

Maricela Navarro made a motion to approve.

Layla Naranjo seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Layla Naranjo Aye

Alicia Malet Klein Aye

Daryle Morgan Absent

Jessica Laughlin Aye

Margaret Watson Aye

Esther Hugo Aye

Burak Gursel Aye

Maricela Navarro Aye

E. Tax Returns

Esther Hugo made a motion to approve.

Burak Gursel seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Layla Naranjo Aye

Margaret Watson Aye

Daryle Morgan Absent

Maricela Navarro Aye

Esther Hugo Aye

Burak Gursel Aye

Alicia Malet Klein Aye

Jessica Laughlin Aye

F. MWA Lease Renewal for 2020-2021

Jessica Laughlin made a motion to approve.

Maricela Navarro seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Daryle Morgan Absent

Maricela Navarro Aye

Burak Gursel Aye

Alicia Malet Klein Abstain

Esther Hugo Aye

Margaret Watson Aye

Layla Naranjo Aye

Roll Call

Jessica Laughlin Aye

G. e-Rate Contract

Esther Hugo made a motion to approve.
Margaret Watson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Burak Gursel Aye
Jessica Laughlin Aye
Alicia Malet Klein Aye
Maricela Navarro Aye
Daryle Morgan Absent
Esther Hugo Aye
Margaret Watson Aye
Layla Naranjo Aye

H. 2019-20 Audit and Tax Engagement

Burak Gursel made a motion to approve.
Maricela Navarro seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Daryle Morgan Absent
Alicia Malet Klein Aye
Esther Hugo Aye
Jessica Laughlin Aye
Layla Naranjo Aye
Margaret Watson Aye
Maricela Navarro Aye
Burak Gursel Aye

I. Emergency Board Meeting Minutes

Esther Hugo made a motion to approve the minutes from Emergency Board Meeting on 03-13-20.
Margaret Watson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jessica Laughlin Aye
Burak Gursel Aye
Daryle Morgan Absent
Margaret Watson Aye
Alicia Malet Klein Aye
Layla Naranjo Aye

Roll Call

Esther Hugo Aye
Maricela Navarro Aye

V. Consent Action Items

A. Intacct Contract Renewal

Jessica Laughlin made a motion to approve.
Layla Naranjo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Maricela Navarro Aye
Margaret Watson Aye
Daryle Morgan Absent
Jessica Laughlin Aye
Burak Gursel Aye
Layla Naranjo Aye
Esther Hugo Aye
Alicia Malet Klein Aye

VI. Discussion Items

A. Appreciations by the Board of Directors

Board President thanked everyone for their participation in the virtual meeting given the circumstances.

Board acknowledged the efforts of the faculty and staff through the closure.

VII. Closing Items

A. Schedule of Board of Directors Meetings 2019-2020

- May 21st, 4:00-8:00 pm [Board Discussion]
 - The time is subject to change depending on the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic.

B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Martinez