

# **Navigator Schools**

# Minutes

**NS Board Meeting** 

# **Date and Time**

Tuesday April 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will take place via teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

The Board of Directors and employees of Navigator Schools shall meet via Zoom. Members of the public who wish to access this board meeting may do so online at <a href="https://zoom.us/join">https://zoom.us/join</a> or via telephone by calling Zoom phone numbers: (669) 900-6833 or (646) 876-9923. The meeting ID is: **994 1500 6203**. The meeting password is: **146047**.

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Individual comments will be limited to three minutes. If an interpreter is needed, comments will be translated into English and the time limit shall be six minutes. At its discretion, the board may limit the total time allotted to public comments and set new time limits for individual comments. The board reserves the right to mute and remove a participant from the meeting if the participant unreasonably disrupts the meeting.

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efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations. The agenda and public documents will be modified upon request as required by Section 202 of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## **Directors Present**

Chuck Daggs (remote), Dena Koren (remote), Fiaau Ohmann (remote), Ian Connell (remote), JP Anderson (remote), John Flaherty (remote), Nora Crivello (remote), Shara Hegde (remote), Victor Paredes-Colonia (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

None

**Guests Present** Sean Martin (remote)

## I. Opening Items

## A. Record Attendance and Guests

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

John Flaherty called a meeting of the board of directors of Navigator Schools to order on Tuesday Apr 20, 2021 at 6:03 PM.

#### C. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

## D. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting: February 2, 2021

JP Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from NS Board Meeting on 02-02-21.

Victor Paredes-Colonia seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

John Flaherty	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Abstain
lan Connell	Aye
JP Anderson	Aye
Dena Koren	Abstain
Shara Hegde	Abstain
Nora Crivello	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye

## Approve Minutes from Board Meeting: March 4, 2021

Nora Crivello made a motion to approve the minutes from NS Special Board Meeting on 03-04-21.

lan Connell seconded the motion.

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

## Roll Call

Aye
Abstain
Abstain
Aye
Aye
Aye
Abstain
Aye
Aye

## F. Approve Minutes from Board Meeting: March 29, 2021

JP Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from NS Special Board Meeting on 03-29-21.

Fiaau Ohmann seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

lan Connell	Aye
Nora Crivello	Aye
JP Anderson	Aye
Shara Hegde	Abstain
John Flaherty	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Abstain
Dena Koren	Abstain

## **II. Academics**

#### A. Academic Success Committee Report

I. Connell reviewed the main topics of the latest Academic Success Committee meeting, including student wellness, Social Emotional Learning (SEL), assessments, and expansion of in-person instruction. Board members asked questions about these topics, specifically in relation to student, parent/guardian, and teacher perspectives and emotions regarding the prospect of returning to learning at school; summer school; and safety awareness.

## B. Expanded In-Person Instruction Update

K. Sved described the team effort to launch hybrid schooling. He highlighted the complexities of the task, preparations, reopening activities, and related celebrations at school sites. He listed safety measures, reviewed high attendance rates, and thanked A. Ortiz and the operations staff.

K. Carr presented recent information on COVID-19 variants and infection rates. She reviewed related implications for planning for the 2021-22 school year. Board members asked clarifying questions that were answered by staff members. J. Flaherty thanked the staff for their comments and applauded the high attendance figures.

## C. Approval of MAP as an Alternative to the 2020-21 SBAC

J. Dent explained the federal waiver pertaining to statewide summative testing for the 2020-21 school year due to COVID-19. He shared his recommendation regarding NWEA MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) as an end-of-year assessment in place of SBAC. He shared his observations of students at work at the school sites and answered questions from board members.

Chuck Daggs made a motion to utilize MAP in place of SBAC in 2020-21. Ian Connell seconded the motion.

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

## Roll Call

JP Anderson	Aye
John Flaherty	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Aye
lan Connell	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye
Dena Koren	Aye
Nora Crivello	Aye
Shara Hegde	Aye

## III. Governance

# A. Governance Committee Report

J. Flaherty reviewed the agenda topics discussed during the latest meeting of the committee.

# B. Development Goals and Strategies

J . Flaherty outlined a chronology of board focus areas and priorities, incorporating the development of the 407 Main Street project in Watsonville and the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. He framed and launched a discussion among board members that included: the consideration of potential development strategies and development consultants; structures for and roles of potential advisory committees; scope and workflow of the board and board committees, including advisory committees; potential formal and

informal roles of prior board members; logistics for meetings and other participation; and potential focus areas and staff resources for development efforts.

## C. Board Committee Assignments

J. Flaherty advised members to explore their interests in participating in one or more board committees in 2021-22. He will be contacting board members individually to discuss board committee assignments (adhering to requirements of the Brown Act).

## D. Scheduling of Special Board Meeting

K. Sved explained the purpose of the special meeting. Members chose a meeting date and time (May 27, 2021, at 3:00 PM).

## E. Possible Rescheduling of June 15 Regular Board Meeting

Due to a scheduling conflict associated with the original date of the June 25, 2021 board meeting, the board chose a new date for the meeting: June 14, 2021.

## F. 2021-22 Board Meeting Calendar

J. Flaherty encouraged board members to review the proposed calendar of 2021-22 board meeting dates and to identify and report potential scheduling conflicts if any.

## **IV. Business and Finance**

## A. Finance Committee Report

V. Paredes-Colonia thanked Dena Koren for observing the most recent committee meeting. He reviewed positive financial figures. Members asked clarifying questions regarding cash on hand and the Payroll Protection Program (PPP).

# B. 2021-22 Draft LCAP

V. Paredes-Colonia provided a brief explanation of the LCAP and next steps for the board related to final approval of the document. Members and staff discussed potential staff positions and related funding in support of promoting student success in 2021-22.

# C. 2021-22 Preliminary Budget

A. Ortiz presented a recommendation to increase staff salaries and reviewed preliminary 2021-22 budget numbers. She shared recent state budget planning revisions and explained the budgeting process for Navigator Schools. She shared 2021-22 budget assumptions and key calculations including cost of living, funding related to student demographics, various funding sources and formulae, and salaries and benefits (including potential new positions). Board members asked questions, offered guidance regarding specific budget metrics, and discussed competitive wages and staff retention.

#### 407 Main Street Update

K. Sved shared that the 407 Main Street project is on-budget and a little bit ahead of schedule. He shared photos of the site's interior an exterior, highlighted key features, and explained next steps.

## V. Consent Agenda

# A. Consent Agenda

N. Crivello commented upon the Wellness Policy. She asked clarifying questions, and these were addressed by B. Moeller and A. Ortiz. Members discussed next steps, including the potential development of a new annual report on the policy and its outcomes.

Chuck Daggs made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

JP Anderson seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
JP Anderson	Aye
lan Connell	Aye
Nora Crivello	Aye
John Flaherty	Aye
Shara Hegde	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Aye
Dena Koren	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye

## **VI. Closing Items**

# A. Adjourn Meeting

Nora Crivello made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Victor Paredes-Colonia seconded the motion. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### Roll Call

Nora Crivello	Aye
Fiaau Ohmann	Aye
Shara Hegde	Aye
JP Anderson	Aye
lan Connell	Aye
John Flaherty	Aye
Victor Paredes-Colonia	Aye
Chuck Daggs	Aye
Dena Koren	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Sean Martin