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Pharos Academy Charter School

Minutes

BLCS May 2017 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday May 18, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Location

1005 Intervale Avenue (4th Floor)

Trustees Present

B. Thompson, E. DeGonzalez, J. Lopez-Molina, N. Jones (remote), R. Granado, V. Caba

Trustees Absent

H. Mehreteab

Guests Present

A. Duggins, M. Dorsey, T. Brown, T. Milsap

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Javier called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.

J. Lopez-Molina called a meeting of the board of trustees of Pharos Academy Charter School to order on Thursday May 18, 2017 at 6:50 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Lopez-Molina made a motion to approve minutes from the April 2017 Board Meeting on 04-20-17 April 2017 Board Meeting on 04-20-17.

E. DeGonzalez seconded the motion.

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

II. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

- A parent concern was raised that her scholar had some behavioral issues that she was not made aware of by the teachers. She was advised to address her concerns with the principals.

- There was a concern raised for the children going outside without proper protection (hats/sunscreen)

III. Board Governance

A. Board Governance

Evelyn visited a class at the CPA, and gave feedback to the teacher. Alix was not present that day.

E. DeGonzalez made a motion to vote on Javier to be interim chair since Hagos would like to step down and remain on the board.

R. Granado seconded the motion.

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

IV. Principal's Report

A. BLCS K-8 Principal's Report

- underenrolled, decided that was a good option to remain to set up future scholars for success

- chronically absentees went from over 150 to 34 students

- needed to also look at absenteeism in months before state exams

- need to prepare our 8th graders better

B. BLCS 9-12 Principal's Report

- Dean - academically and behavior, possible budget for next year

- Evelyn - concerned about the fighting that had happened in the school. Suggested a town hall.

- 9 teachers leaving - 4 asked not to return, 5 leaving on their own

- Larger discussion re: restorative justice and some confusion amongst staff and students

- Desire for restorative justice metric

V. Facility

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Facility Report

Mansoor unable to dial in.

VI. Finance

A. Finance Report

Vote for Robb to be the head of the finance committee

Javier nominated Robb to be head of finance committee.

Evelyn seconded.

Unanimous decision, all in favor.

Discussion of next year budget, will have bank presentation on underwriting the loan.

Excess cash - can have some flexibility for future. Discussion of how much money to keep "just in case".

Vote on financials - Javier motioned, Evelyn seconded. Unanimous decision, all in favor.

VII. RVP Report

A. New item

Alix - heavy into recruiting, lots of interviews

Both - Working on the budget for next year

Big congrats on achievement this past year.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Team will enter executive session to discuss additional school concerns.

Team enter executive session 9:37 PM.

Alix, Terri, and Travis invited.

Leave executive session at 10:25 PM.

Board discussed at recommendation of principals the idea of transitioning IT vendors.

Alix, Terri, and Travis are leaving.

Team enter executive session 10:27 PM.

Team existed executive session 11:31 PM.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

N. Jones