



The Emerge School for Autism

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 12:00 PM

Location

7784 Innovation Park Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820

Directors Present

C. Blaize, D. Whittle, J. Jones, J. Perrault, M. Juneau, M. Miller, R. Pettit, S. Waguespack

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

L. Bozard, S. Jones, Stacie Landry

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Perrault called a meeting of the board of directors of The Emerge School for Autism to order on Wednesday Oct 16, 2019 at 12:01 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

R. Pettit made a motion to approve minutes from the September Board Meeting on 09-18-19 September Board Meeting on 09-18-19.

S. Waguespack seconded the motion.

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

II. Finance

A. Budget Update

Financial Report presented by 4th Sector Solutions.

Noted changes to Budget Vs Forecast:

- Revenue was increased forecast revenue from the receipt of \$10K received for board on track.
- Technology Consultants & Supplies was increase to reflect additional cost associated with new copier contract. Per LB, the previous copier was not sufficient to meet needs.

III. Overall School Update

A. Update on School

School Update:

- LB provided an update regarding the incident that occurred near the school facility from Tuesday, October 9th. The school has updated the active shooter policy to include procedures to include incidents that occur during drop off and pick up times. No action taken.
- JP updated the board regarding a public records request received. No action taken.
- LB provided an update regarding the City of St. George. It currently applies to approximately 11% of students. The city will need to take additional steps to become their own school district. LB updated the board stating that if the City of St. George is granted approval to become their own school district, the emerge school for autism would no longer be able to accept students within the city limit of St. George

IV. Planning Ahead

A. Building Update

JP provided an update regarding the status of the new facility. No action taken.

B.

Growth Campaign Update

SJ updated the board regarding the receipt of a \$10K grant from Wells Fargo. Expected to receive \$100,000 from NSBR, and \$25,000 from Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation.

V. Other Business

A. Board Discussion

B. Bill.com and Financial Policies

LB lead the discussion regarding the update of financial policies and procedures. With the resignation of RT from the board, the position of Treasurer became vacant. JP opened for floor for nominations for the position. JJ volunteered to be considered to fill the position.

S. Waguespack made a motion to to appoint Jeremy Jones as the Treasurer of the board of directors.

R. Pettit seconded the motion.

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

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Juneau made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

S. Waguespack seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. Perrault