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## James Jordan Middle School Board of Trustees

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Thursday August 19, 2021 at 7:00 PM

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### **Trustees Present**

B. Smith (remote), M. Flores (remote), N. Mondragon (remote), R. Edelen (remote), S. Belle (remote)

### **Trustees Absent**

A. Bierman, H. Blunt, P. Lambros

### **Guests Present**

E. Hodes (remote), G. Lara (remote), J. Chavez (remote), J. Green (remote), M. Marsh (remote), P. Reyes-Guerrero (remote), V. Albores (remote)

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

## **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

B. Smith called a meeting of the board of trustees of James Jordan Middle School Board of Trustees to order on Thursday Aug 19, 2021 at 7:01 PM.

## **C. approve minutes**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from BOARD MEETING on 07-15-21.

R. Edelen seconded the motion.

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

### **Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| P. Lambros   | Absent |
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| A. Bierman   | Absent |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| M. Flores    | Aye    |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |

## **D. Public comment: NON AGENDA ITEMS**

## **E. Lead Teacher Report**

Mr. Chavez-

- Staff and student interaction compared to distance learning
- Kids are genuinely happy to be on campus
- 6th/8th-grade buddies
- Small cohort rally with olympics
  - 8th Blue
  - 7th Green
  - 6th Red

## **II. Financials**

### **A. Update on Facility Project**

R. Edelen made a motion to authorize the expenditure of \$45,000 during the 2021-22 school year to have a PR firm help us establish our reputation in the new location. The amount is authorized assuming that at least two board members will review the contract and give written consent for the Executive Director to sign.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

- Small groundbreaking ceremony
- The loan has been closed as 3.21%

- All contracts and permits have been signed
- PR Firm
  - Enrollment in charter schools has taken a dip because families are moving out of neighborhoods.
  - JJMS has the capacity to invest in PR in preparation for the move in 22-23
- Driving enrollment

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

**Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| M. Flores    | Aye    |
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| P. Lambros   | Absent |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| A. Bierman   | Absent |

**B. Financial Report including the month of July**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the financial report for the month of June 2021 including check register, cash flow, and balance sheet.

M. Flores seconded the motion.

- Net income of \$564k

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

**Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| A. Bierman   | Absent |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| M. Flores    | Aye    |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| P. Lambros   | Absent |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |

**III. Governance**

**A. Executive Director agreement ratification and goals**

B. Smith made a motion to ratify the Executive Directors agreement and goals that was acknowledged by Dr. Myranda Marsh for the 2021-22 school year.

M. Flores seconded the motion.

- Executive Director identify goals for 21-22

- PR Campaign to raise reputation in the community and neighbors.
  - Attendance, enrollment information, city council, information session
  - Full enrollment with a waitlist by June 2022
- Create a detailed plan to minimize the negative impact on the neighborhood
  - traffic signs, MOUs (memorandum of understanding) with local organizations
  - JJMS will organize community beautification, kids litter/trash pick up
- Neighborhood relationships
- Construction on time and budget
- Maintain safety for staff and students under COVID-19

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

**Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| A. Bierman   | Absent |
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| M. Flores    | Aye    |
| P. Lambros   | Absent |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |

**IV. Academic Achievement**

**A. Credential flexibility: Local Area Option proposed for 2021-22**

S. Belle made a motion to approve the Local Area Options for the school year 2021-22 Alexander Roberson, holds a single subject credential, LAO as Multiple Subject self-contained classroom. Samantha Griego, holds a multiple subject, LAO as ELA for one period of 8th grade Language Skills for 8th graders who are far below grade level in ELA. Sohail Bhatri, holds a Single Sub Science, LAO as MATH for teaching one period of 8th grade Algebra 1.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| M. Flores    | Aye    |
| A. Bierman   | Absent |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| P. Lambros   | Absent |

**B.**

### **Provisional Intern Permit**

B. Smith made a motion to approve the submission of a Provisional Intern Permit for Javier Ramirez as a multiple subject teacher for seventh grade for the school year 2021-22.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| A. Bierman   | Absent |
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| P. Lambros   | Absent |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| M. Flores    | Aye    |

### **C. Preparation for online programs in the event of a LACDPH ordered quarantine.**

B. Smith made a motion to adopt an official policy in compliance with AB130 independent Study legislation.

M. Flores seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| B. Smith     | Aye    |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| P. Lambros   | Absent |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| A. Bierman   | Absent |
| M. Flores    | Aye    |

## **V. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

B. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm.

N. Mondragon seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| R. Edelen    | Aye    |
| N. Mondragon | Aye    |
| S. Belle     | Aye    |
| H. Blunt     | Absent |
| B. Smith     | Aye    |

**Roll Call**

P. Lambros Absent

A. Bierman Absent

M. Flores Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Lara

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**Documents used during the meeting**

- Roberson LAO mult Sub worksheet (1).pdf
- Griego LAO board 21-22 .pdf
- Bhatri Board LAO 21-22.docx (2).pdf
- Roberson LAO 21-22.docx.pdf
- Ramirez PIP worksheet..pdf