

## **CLV Strong Start Academy Elementary Schools, Inc. Board Meeting – June 13th, 2024**

Lorna: It's 5:06 on June 13th, 2024. At this time, we will call the meeting of Strong Start Academy Elementary School at Tony Hsieh Education Center to order. This is roll call. Lorna James-Cervantes. Present. Alain Bengochea.

Alain: Present.

Lorna: Alee Moore.

Dr. Moore: Present.

Lorna: Dachresha Harris.

Dachresha: Present.

Lorna: Astrid Angulo.

Astrid: Present.

Lorna: Meli Pulido.

Meli: Present.

Lorna: Jaime Gonzalez. Not present. Okay. But we do have a quorum, so we will go ahead and start the meeting at this time.

Nicole: Can I interject? Nicole Thompson. Present.

Lorna: Oh, Nicole Thompson. I didn't have my list in front of me. Nicole Thompson, present. Thank you for interjecting Nicole. All right. Thank you so much, everybody, for joining us tonight. We will move at this time to public comment, item number 1C. Comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters on the agenda for action.

If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record. The amount of discussion as well as the amount of time any single speaker is allowed will be limited to two minutes absent board approval. Public comment may also be given by calling 1 415 655 001 and entering access code number 2660 563 4745 followed by #. Is there any public comment at this time?

Angela: We didn't receive any.

Lorna: Okay. And there was none in the room at City Hall. So, we will move at this time to item number 3A on the agenda. This is a discussion for possible action to approve transportation grant application to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority to fund student transportation for the 2024 summer school session. And I will turn it over to Miriam Benitez at this time.

Miriam: Thank you, Lorna. Miriam Benitez for the record. And thank you all for your availability this evening. So, we wanna submit a grant application to SPCSA for reimbursement of the cost of providing transportation for our summer program, which is \$7,500. And just to give context to our program, we do offer summer school for those students who have been identified as having unfinished learning. And we also offer extended school year or ESY to our special education students.

And our summer program is very targeted, and it specifically addresses students' learning gaps. So, it's kind of an intense tutoring session, and because of this, it's only a half-day program. And because it's a half-day program, that creates a little bit of a challenge for some of our families to be able to transport their kids to and back from school since it ends midday and many of our parents work and they can't leave work to pick up the kids in the middle of the day.

So, this is why we offer transportation during the summer. And so in order for us to be able to apply for the reimbursement, we do need board approval prior to submitting the grant application.

Lorna: Thank you, Miriam. Are there questions by board members at this time?

Alain: Alain Bengochea for the record. How long does it last to the summer period?

Miriam: It's the whole month of June. So, it's started June 3rd, and it ends, I believe it's June 28th, the last Friday of the month.

Alain: Thank you.

Lorna: Are there questions for Miriam?

Dr. Moore: Yes, Dr. Alee Moore for the record. Has the grant application been written? When is it due? Has it been submitted? What's the...

Miriam: Yeah, so thank you for that question. Miriam Benitez for the record. So, the last opportunity to apply for this grant for the '23/'24 school year was  
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May 31st, but I submitted the application. And when I went to submit it is when I learned that we needed board approval and they did accept it and said that they'd hold onto it until we had our board meeting.

And then obviously if it gets approved, I submit the board agenda with the transcription as evidence that it was approved, but it was already due. And I didn't attach it here because it has personal identifiable information of students, so that's why I didn't submit it as backup documentation.

Dr. Moore: Thank you.

Lorna: Thank you, Miriam. Other questions or comments? Hearing no other questions or comments at this time, I would like to move that we approve the transportation grant application to the Nevada State Public Charter School Authority to fund student transportation for the 2024 summer school session. Is there a second to that motion? This is Lorna Cervantes by the record making the motion.

Alain: Bengochea, second.

Lorna: Okay. All those in favor.

Dachresha: Aye.

Meli: Aye.

Dr. Moore: Aye.

Lorna: Are there any opposed? Okay. Thank you. That motion passes. And, Miriam, you do have board approval to submit that application. I apologize to everybody, in my desire to move it, [inaudible 00:06:38] I missed item number 1D. This was approval missed from the May 9th board meeting. I think you all have those minutes ahead of time, and I hope that you all had the time to took over those. If there are no concerns or corrections needed in those meeting minutes, then I would appreciate a motion to approve the minutes as submitted.

Nicole: Nicole Thompson, I move to approve the minutes from May 9th, 2024 as submitted.

Lorna: Thank you. Is there a second to that motion?

Alain: Bengochea, second.

Lorna: All those in favor.

Dr. Moore: Aye.

Dachresha: Aye.

Lorna: Any opposed? Thank you. That motion passes and those minutes will be posted as approved. And at this time, we can move to item four. This is citizens' participation. Public comment during this portion of the agenda must be limited to matters within the jurisdiction of the board. No subject may be acted upon by the board unless that subject is on the agenda and is scheduled for action. If you wish to be heard, come forward and give your name for the record.

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Angela: None at this time.

Lorna: None at this time. Okay. And at this time, I would just like to remind all of our board members that our retreat will be coming up on July the 25th. We will have our July board meeting, first thing in the morning on July 25th, followed by our whole-day retreat. We do hope that you're all available and would appreciate you all being available in [inaudible 00:09:04] retreat, as this will be a time for us to work together to set our goals and expectations for the coming year. And with that, I will adjourn our meeting at 5:15 p.m., and I thank you all for joining us tonight.

Miriam: Yay. Thank you.

Lorna: Thank you. [inaudible 00:09:24].

Alain: Thank you.

Lorna: All right. Bye-bye.