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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2023

Members Present: Simon Johnson, Barbara Batts, Connie Sanchez, Nadine Clipper and Superintendent Eugene Slocum

Absent: Alvin Breeden

Others Present: Guests

Call-To-Order (5:00 p.m.)

Welcome

Board Chair, Simon Johnson acknowledged and welcomed the board members and all attendees.

Invocation: Mr. Simon Johnson, Board Chair

1. Consideration to approve previous meeting minutes.

Ms. Barbara Batts made motion to move and approve previous meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Nadine Clipper Voted: TMA

2. Finance Report

A copy of the budget was previously sent to all board members. Supt. Slocum provided an overview of the funding for the month. Supt. Slocum provided an update of the budget for this upcoming academic year based on an estimated ADM which is projected to change as school gets started.

3. Superintendents Report

Discussion and update on Covid and mask wearing options, some staff and students are still wearing masks although it's not mandatory.

Discussion and update on School Lunch Program for this year, we have changed vendors to K&W which offers prepackaged meals at a lower cost compared to our prior vendor.

Discussion on Teacher /Bus shortages in which we are still hiring teachers and bus driver backups.

New Business Information

Discussion on Auditor and onsite visit that was scheduled for August 8th, 2023

Discussion on this year's ALL-DAY Orientation session's 9-12am and 2-6pm which went smoothly, and parents were happy with the change. It provided more interactions over span of time instead of everything being within a two-hour time limit.

Discussion on the First Day of School: August 17th, 2023

Other Business

Discussion on the Change in the Charter Advisory Board to Charter School Review Board. Some other items addressed were new paternal leave for teachers, Schools' need to establish a School Threat Assessment Team and the LEA impact statement requirement has been removed.

Discussion on the Parents Bill of Rights Topics but not limited to the following:

- Direct the education and care of his or her child
- Direct the upbringing and moral or religious training of child
- Enroll child in public or private school or any school choice option available
- Access and review education records, as authorized by FERPA
- Be "promptly notified" if an employee suspects a criminal offense has been committed against child Access and review child's medical records, as required under HIPAA, (Exceptions for parents under investigation for crimes or abuse)

Ms. Connie Sanchez made a motion to accept the Superintendent Report, Ms. Barbara Batts seconded: Voted: TMA

4. Public Comments

Board Chair open the floor for comments. No public expression for comment at this time.

5. Comments

No other comments.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Connie Sanchez made Motion to adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

Simon Johnson, Board Chair

Eugene Slocum, Superintendent, Alpha Academy MA