



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HEALTHY START ACADEMY
 Healthy Start Academy, 807 West Chapel Hill Street
 Durham, North Carolina 27701

Day of Meeting	Date of Meeting	Time of Meeting	In-Person/ZOOM/Conference Call
Thursday	12/10/2020	5:00 PM	ZOOM

Board Minutes

Board Members Present:

Liz Morey
 Gwen Wicker
 Cary Cain
 April Twine
 John DeBerry
 Richard Ford
 Beatrice Chestnutt
 Preston Edwards
 Gerald McNair
 Michael Page

Others Present:

Teron McFadden, Assistant Principal
 Aronda Hill, Director of Operations
 Alex Quigley, HSA Principal
 Philip Adkins, HSA School Attorney
 Kathy Davies, Acadia NorthStar
 MM, HSA Parent
 Ana Alexander, Attorney for HSA Parent

Board Members Absent: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at:

Time:	5:06 PM
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Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.

Privilege of the Floor

Summary:
Ms. Mercedes Samano, HSA Parent, along with her attorney, Ms. Ana Alexander was present to address the board during privilege of the floor. It was advised by the school’s attorney, Mr. Adkins, having foreknowledge of the nature of their request, that the matter be addressed in closed session for the purpose of consulting the school’s attorney.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Wicker requested a discussion item be added to the agenda: Approval of reading books for students.
Motion:
Mr. Cain motioned to approve the added agenda item
Second:
Ms. Twine
Vote:
Unanimously passed

Approval of Board Minutes

Motion:
Mr. Cain motioned to approve the board minutes
Second:
Ms. Twine
Vote:
Unanimously passed

Motion to was made by Ms. Twine to go into a closed session for the purpose of consulting the school’s attorney on a legal matter. Seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote unanimously passed.

REPORTS

Financial Report

Summary:
Ms. Davies reported that overall the budget was in good shape and that CARES funding needed to be spent by December 31, 2020. She added there were several line items that would be adjusted once her office was able to draw down federal funding.

Motion:
Ms. Wicker motioned to accept the financial report from Acadia NorthStar
Second:



Ms. Chestnutt
Vote:
Unanimously passed

Principal's Report

Summary:

Mr. Quigley reported to the board the recommendation to return students in grades 1st-5th back to in-person learning. He shared that the kindergarten return to in-person learning had gone well and after meeting with the school leadership teams, it was agreed to return more students to the building. Students in grades 6-8th will remain in remote learning until the 4th quarter of school.

Student Achievement/Renewal/Performance Framework

Summary:

Mr. Quigley shared that the Benchmark #1 Data was roughly equivalent to Benchmark #1 in 2019-20, which is a positive, given that the test was administered online at home. Reading scores dipped slightly and math rose in some grades.

OLD BUSINESS -

State School Board/Office of Charter Schools Meetings

Summary:

Ms. Morey continues to attend the State School Board meetings and Charter School Advisory Board meetings. If you would like to attend the meetings but are unable to do so in person, the meetings are now posted on youtube. Just search for North Carolina State school board meeting or North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board meeting and start the recording.

Meeting with Durham Charter Collaborative (DCC)

Summary:

Ms. Morey will keep the Board informed on the Durham Charter Collaborative meeting schedule.

Charter Renewal Process

Summary:

Mr. Quigley gave the board an update on the charter renewal process. He encouraged board members to be present at the charter renewal interview and be prepared to answer questions. Ms. Morey provided a format to board members on how to present during the Office of Charter School interview. It was suggested by Mr. Quigley that the board meet to overview their presentation.



NEW BUSINESS

New Business Item #1 - Return to School Update and Plan for the Return of Students

Summary:

Mr. Quigley presented that after meetings with school leadership teams and the results of parent surveys it was determined that the school would move forward with the plan to return students in grades 1st through 5th to the building. He shared that the return of kindergarten students had been successful and the office staff had received positive feedback from parents. The return of 1st-5th graders would occur on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. An opt-in form would have to be completed by all parents who desired their student to return to the building.

New Business Item #2 - Approval of Reading Books for Students

Summary:

Ms. Wicker presented to the board the recommendation that the Principal approve all reading books the teachers read to students to ensure that the books are appropriate for the age of the student. Mr. Quigley gave context on the purpose of the reading books and how they are used for instruction. Mr. Quigley also added that there may be a need to have a policy to address this issue and he is happy to work with the school's attorney to develop the policy. Mr. Adkins agreed that a policy is needed and he would draft a policy. Board members discussed the matter.

VOTES

Motion:

Mr. Edwards motioned to approve the added changes to the return to school plan.

Second:

Mr. Cain

Vote:

Unanimously passed

Motion:

Ms. Wicker motioned that any non-curricular reading book is approved by the principal or by a member of the administrative leadership team

Second:

Mr. DeBerry

Vote:

Unanimously passed

CLOSED SESSION

Motion:

Ms. Twine motioned that due to the attorney presenting a Plaintiff's Motion to Restrict Dissemination of Minor's information, the board would not approve the release of student information.

Second:

Mr. Cain

Vote:

Unanimously passed



ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for:

January 7, 2010 at 5:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Motion:
Mr. Edwards motioned that the meeting be adjourned
Second:
Mr. Ford
Vote:
Unanimously passed
Time of Adjournment:
6:35 PM