

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

April 15, 2021

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Marty Weilgos

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)

Dennis Small (Business Manager)

Johnathon Lozano (PNW Extern)

In Attendance Virtually (Zoom):

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)

Anne Herbert

Janet Venecz

Monica Rubio

Steve Grimm (Teacher Board Member)

Lori Lambert (Parent Board Member)

Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)

Julia Morales (Student Board Member)

Africa Tarver

Owana Miller

Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Mira Projovic (Minutes Secretary)

Not in Attendance:

Dave Ryan

Heather Garay

Board meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

- The President reported that the Board met in Executive Session immediately preceding this meeting pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 to discuss the strategy with respect to the purchase of real estate. She further certified that this was the only subject discussed.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve March 2021 meeting minutes* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to approve March 2021 Financial Reports* — Anne Herbert motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to approve 2021-22 teacher contracts for Jean Fehr- 6th grade science, Mary Fisher- 10th grade science & Corbin Fisher-7th grade global studies—* Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to approve 2021-22 School Re-opening Plan* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 11-0.

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- *Motion to adjourn* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor approved 11-0.

New Correspondence

- No correspondence

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** The committee met to finalize the budget for the upcoming school year. However, under the new National stimulus plan, the school received additional \$1 million in funding & Dr. Egan urged the committee to reconsider possibly increasing the annual staff raise of 3%. Kris Sakelaris agreed & the committee will reconvene soon to make adjustments to the budget. It will be unveiled at next month's meeting.
- **Personnel Committee-** The committee will be meeting with potential students for the upcoming student board position in the next few weeks. So far no parents have inquired for the parent board member position. The committee will also set a time with Kris Sakelaris & Dr. Egan to go over Dr. Egan's yearly evaluation.
- **Fundraising-** Committee on hold until further notice.

Discussion Notes

- With the additional funding, Kris Sakelaris proposed giving teachers the opportunity to create summer enrichment programs for interested students.
- HAST has received additional funding & all teachers will receive new laptops as well as Sharp Boards. Mr. Small has been successful in exchanging older models for new ones.

Board Financial Inquiries

New Business

- Dr. Egan proposed his 2021-22 School Reopening Plan to the board. He recommends full time in-person learning Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Wednesday elearning so the school can be cleaned. Teacher board member Steve Grimm called the plan great & parent board members Lori Lambert & Jackie Perez agreed saying their students are more than ready to come back into the building next year. Dr. Egan's decision was partially based on results to a survey sent to all staff & parents with these 5 options:
 - Full time regular in-person instruction
 - Full time regular in-person instruction w/ elearning optional
 - Full time regular in-person instruction w/ mid-week elearning day for cleaning
 - Staggered daily attendance
 - Full elearning

Public Comment

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Meeting Adjourned at 4:58 p.m.