

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

March 18, 2021

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Marty Weilgos

School Representatives

Dennis Small (Business Manager)

In Attendance Virtually (Zoom):

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)

Dave Ryan

Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)

Steve Grimm (Teacher Board Member)

Africa Tarver

Anne Herbert

Janet Venecz

Heather Garay

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)

Mira Projovic (Minutes Secretary)

Not in Attendance:

Owana Miller

Monica Rubio

Lori Lambert (Parent Board Member)

Julia Morales (Student Board Member)

Kevin Smith (Attorney)

Johnathon Lozano (PNW Extern)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:04 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 Feb 2021 meeting minutes* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve Feb 2021 Financial Reports* — Jackie Perez motioned; seconded by Marty Weilgos. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve the teacher contract for Kris Skrutvold, 10th grade science* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Dave Ryan. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to adjourn* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor approved 9-0.

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New Correspondence

- No correspondence

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Heather Garay has not set a date for the next meeting yet but will have that soon.
- **Personnel Committee-** Janet Venecz is asking Dr. Egan to send emails for anyone interested in applying for the student board representative position & the parent board representative position.
- **Fundraising-** Committee on hold until further notice.

Discussion Notes

- Dr. Egan told the board that Dr. Rademacher, 9th grade global studies, will be retiring at the end of this school year. He is asking if the board would like to donate a gift to his retirement as well as to establish a protocol for future retirements. Kris Sakelaris recommended discussing the topic with the compensation committee at their next meeting.

Board Financial Inquiries

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New Business

- Lisa Sarwacinski, HAST Athletic Director, brought a proposal to the board from a local pastor who currently coaches 2 other teams in the area. He would like to rent out the HAST gym for 2 hours a day for team practices for \$75 a day. Marty Weilgos is hesitant to allow outsiders into the building at such a low price. Dave Ryan, Jackie Perez & Africa Tarver all think it's too risky to open doors for outsiders during a pandemic. Kris Sakelaris recommended waiting until the fall to consider the proposal. Dr. Egan & most board members agreed.

Public Comment

- Silvia Reyes, mother of 2 HAST students, was inquiring about High School graduation, Middle School graduation & Prom. Dr. Egan answered as many questions as he could.
- Sydney Smith, HAST graduate, attended the meeting & introduced herself to the board. She's currently the Middle School Basketball coach, Varsity Softball coach & the long-term sub for Mrs. Hartz while she's on maternity leave.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:54 p.m.