

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

March 17, 2022

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Marty Weilgos
Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)
Nicole Bazan (Parent Board Member)
Africa Tarver
Janet Venecz
Jessica Moreno (Student Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Debbie Czmiel (Business Manager)
Joseph Guardiola (Human Resources Specialist)
Mira Projovic (Minutes Secretary)

Not in Attendance:

Steve Grimm (Teacher Board Member)
Heather Garay
Monica Rubio
Dave Ryan
Owana Miller
Anne Herbert

Board meeting was called to order at 3:07 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. Also discussed was the HAST personnel policy. She confirms these were the only 2 issues discussed.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve February 2022 meeting minutes* — Janet Venice motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve February 2022 Financial Reports* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve offer to accept donated property* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 6-0 / Africa Tarver abstained from the vote due to a conflict of interest.
- *Motion to approve Personal Interaction Policy* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve Policy for Suicide & Non-Suicide Self-Injury Intervention & Prevention Policy* — Africa Tarver motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve a Mask Optional Policy*— Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve facility usage to 94 Feet Elite*— Africa Tarver motioned; seconded by Marty Weilgos. All in favor motion approved 7-0.

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- *Motion to adjourn* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Africa Tarver. All in favor approved 7-0.

New Correspondence

- None

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Board members met & Heather Garay shared their report:
- **Personnel Committee-** Committee has not met.
- **Fundraising Committee-** Committee on hold until further notice.
- **COVID Task Force Committee-** Committee met & proposes changing the current mask policy to mask optional.

Discussion Notes

- Mr. Ross Smith, IT Director, presented to the board. He gave a summary of his role at HAST.
- The Board discussed the idea of changing the mask policy to Mask Optional. A motion was approved to begin the policy the Monday after Spring Break.
- Mr. Holcomb, varsity basketball coach, presented an idea for him to use the gym to begin a new AAU travel basketball league. He thinks this idea would bring more interest & recognition to HAST. Kris Sake-laris said this idea would make a great feeder system for HAST since most of the students in the program are not HAST students.

Board Financial Inquiries

- Beginning next month, club accounts will be included in the financial reports.
- Heather Garay sent a draft of the Bad Debt Policy to Kevin Smith & Debbie Czmil for review. Debbie reviewed it & suggested changes. It was discussed that she would now circulate a revised draft prior to the April board meeting where the board would vote on it.

New Business

Public Comment

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Meeting Adjourned at 4:24 p.m.