

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

January 19, 2023

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Marty Weilgos
Janet Venecz
Monica Rubio
Dr. Bob Rivers
Megan Moore
Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)
Nicole Bazan (Parent Board Member)
Mira Projovic (Teacher Board Member)
Jakerria Reed (Student Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Debbie Czmieł (Business Manager)
Joseph Guardiola (Human Resources Manager)

Not in Attendance:

Dave Ryan
Owana Miller
Africa Tarver

Board meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve November 2022 Meeting Minutes* — Monica Rubio motioned; seconded by Marty Weilgos. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve the Megan Moore & Dr. Bob Rivers as new Board Members* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve the contract for James Beard as new 8th grade Math teacher* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve November & December 2022 Financial Reports* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve the audit report as presented* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to adjourn* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor approved 9-0.

New Correspondence

- Kris Sakelaris received a letter from Mayor McDermott recommending Megan Moore, the current Hammond comptroller to replace Heather Garay as Board Member.

School Leader Report

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Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Marty Weilgos reported the committee met with the audit committee. He said it was the shortest & most positive audit review HAST has had thus far. He congratulated Debbie Czmiel for doing an outstanding job.
- **Personnel Committee-** Did not meet.
- **Community Relations Committee-** Did not meet.
- **COVID Task Force Committee-** Did not meet.
- **Fundraising Committee-** Committee on hold until further notice.

Discussion Notes

- Kris Sakelaris introduced Deb Snedden, new incoming Principal beginning July 1st. Mrs. Snedden is excited to be coming back to HAST.

Board Financial Inquiries

New Business

Public Comment

Meeting Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

- Leslie Otero, HAST employee & parent, spoke on a variety of issues including the lunchroom, fees, library & class offerings.
- Elvira Martinez, HAST parent, spoke about the firing of Coach Holcomb & transparency of the Board.
- Shaunta Clark, HAST parent, spoke on a variety of issues relating to athletics.