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MINUTES
THE EDGE SCHOOL INC., EDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Board Meeting
September 23, 2020
Via Zoom TeleConference

<u>Agenda item</u>	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action</u>
Call to order	<p>Greg Hart called the meeting to order at 9:13: AM</p> <p><u>Board and Officers</u> Present via teleconference: Greg Hart, John Garcia, Gloria Proo, Regina Suitt, Brittany Battle, Laura Conover Absent: Claire Scheuren Also Present: Rob Pecharich – District Principal, Anne Ortiz – Finance and Resource Director, Dave Thatcher – Northwest School Principal, Brett Dodds – English Teacher</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> No comment.</p>	
Regular Agenda	<p><u>SAIS Report</u> Enrollment at 174 combined for the two campuses as of 9/17/2020. ADM just over 170, very low. HP - 99 and NW - 75. Enrollment loss is at the Himmel Park location.</p> <p>Ms. Brett Dodds shared teacher perspective with Board members. She states that she sees very low attendance but teachers are reaching out to students and building personal and community relationships. Some students attend regularly for a few days then are absent for a number of days. Teachers try to communicate with all students and be there for them.</p> <p><u>Finance Report</u> Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director presented on the financial dashboard for the month of July; Reserve funds \$152,000; 4 payrolls in July plus classroom site payment; \$40,000 spent on the purchase of laptops; yearly insurance; finances of the school. Current cash in the operating account exceeds \$250,000. Review of upcoming Fiscal Year 2020 Audit preparation, including discussion of impact payroll protection program loan, bond principal deferral and outstanding liability regarding STEPS.</p> <p><u>Administrator's Report</u> Mr. Rob Pecharich, District Principal, shared that Administrators, Counselors, Advisors, Teachers and staff have all reached out to students. Teachers are demonstrating amazing effort with current rosters. At times there are 15 to 20 students attending and on other days only 5 to 6 students then only 1 to 2 students. Teachers are trying to make curriculum interesting and finding new ways to engage students and at times are surprised by students who are thriving. Making home visits are Ms. Carla Rivera, Dean of Students & Mr. Lo Sanders, Counselor. Students are struggling with on-line classes; most students are more productive at school.</p> <p>Mr. Dave Thatcher shared that the majority of afternoon students are new to Edge. The afternoon session has at least</p>	

	12 or more students attending daily. Afternoon session is doing very well. Mr. Thatcher adds that once students get over the hurdles of on-line learning they will be successful. Returning students are not doing as well.	
Bank Reconciliations	Regina Suitt made the following motion - To accept the August 2020 bank reconciliations as presented by Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director. Brittany Battle seconded the motion.	Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – John Garcia Abstain – Laura Conover Motion passed unanimously.
Prior Meeting Minutes - August 3, 2020	Gloria Proo made the following motion - To accept the minutes for August 3, 2020 as presented. John Garcia seconded the motion.	Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – John Garcia Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Brittany Battle Abstain – Laura Conover Motion passed unanimously.
Prior Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2020	Regina Suitt made the following motion - To accept the minutes for August 13, 2020 as presented. John Garcia seconded the motion.	Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – John Garcia Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Brittany Battle Abstain – Laura Conover Motion passed unanimously.
Fiscal Year 2019-20 Annual Financial Report	Gloria Proo made the following motion - Tto approve 2019-20 Annual Financial Report as presented by Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director. Brittany Battle seconded the motion.	Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Greg Hart Aye – John Garcia Aye – Regina Suitt Abstain – Laura Conover Motion passed unanimously.
Authorized bank account signers	John Garcia made the following motion - To approve Board President Mr. Greg Hart, Board Vice President, Mrs. Regina Suitt and District Principal, Mr. Rob Pecharich as authorized bank signers as presented. Brittany Battle seconded the motion.	Aye – John Garcia Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Regina Suitt Abstain – Laura Conover Motion passed unanimously.

School Letter Grades and Alternative School Accountability model	<p>Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director presented on school letter grades and school accountability model. In July, Edge self-reported on students who earned 4.5 credits or more, College and Career Readiness data and Seniors who were on track to graduate. Many Seniors were affected by the Quarter 4 closure. Last year's letter grades were: NW – Alt A; HP – Alt C</p> <p>HP would likely have been an Alt B school but grades are not being calculated for school year 2020. At NW there were fewer than a sample of 10 eligible students on multiple indicators; NW would not have received enough eligible points for a letter grade.</p>	
Purchase in lieu of redemption of July 1, 2020 Bond Principal	<p>Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director shared information regarding an August meeting with Mr. George Reiger, Chairman of Greenwich Investment Management.</p> <p>Mr. Rieger recommended that we use \$115,000 to buy back some of our bonds and purchase some additional bonds, which will decrease our payment and save Edge about \$10,000. Board President, Mr. Greg Hart recommends we proceed and retire the bond and retire the principal for a savings to Edge. Board members discussed options and concerns.</p> <p>Brittany Battle made the following motion - To proceed with the purchase of the bonds, if favorable to Edge and if not, proceed with the allowing of the release of principle funds to satisfy the payment of the bond, as presented. John Garcia seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – John Garcia Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Regina Suitt Abstain – Laura Conover</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Edge Policy 616.02 Annual Evaluations	<p>Brittany Battle made the following motion - To adopt the policy for Principal and Teacher evaluations, as presented. Regina Suitt seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – John Garcia Abstain – Laura Conover</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Arizona Department of Health Services and Pima County Health Department - School Benchmarks for Reopening	<p>Mr. Rob Pecharich, District Principal, presented on the recommendation by Arizona Department of Health Services and Pima County Health Department to open schools in a hybrid model.</p> <p>Mr. Rob Pecharich recommends waiting and continuing with Distance Learning. Some staff members are working at their school site but we need to get other staff in the building so that they are comfortable and can practice hybrid-in-person teaching.</p> <p>Regina Suitt made the following motion - To approve a date, after Fall Break 2020, to ask staff to come in for a rotating 2-days per week, with the goal of working towards 5-days per</p>	<p>Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – John Garcia Abstain – Laura Conover</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

	week, as presented. Brittany Battle seconded the motion.	
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 11:10am	

Next Board scheduled for: October 21, 2020

Board minutes respectfully submitted by Irma Ojeda
Approved on: _____ by Edge Board