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THE EDGE SCHOOL INC., EDGE HIGH SCHOOL
Board Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2021
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 8:09 am</p> <p><u>Board and Officers</u> Present via teleconference: Greg Hart, Gloria Proo, John Garcia, Regina Suitt, Brittany Battle, Claire Scheuren Absent: Laura Conover Also Present: Rob Pecharich – District Principal, Anne Ortiz – Finance and Resource Director and Dave Thatcher – Northwest School Principal, Wendi Miller – Special Education Teacher, Nancy Hojnacki – Special Education Coordinator, Brett Dodds – English Teacher and Greg Cooper – Social Studies Teacher</p> <p><u>Public Comment</u> Mr. Greg Cooper expressed that initially he was against returning to in-person learning, but since then, he has had Covid-19 virus, has been vaccinated and has witnessed many students struggle with distance learning, including his son, who did very well in school before the pandemic. Mr. Cooper states that kids are failing but if kids want to come to school, he’s in and is ready to battle. Ms. Brett Dodds shared that when things don’t work we look for and find solutions. Ms. Dodds agrees with Mr. Cooper. Ms. Wendi Miller expressed that we are resilient, flexible and adaptable. The students that she works with want to be here and we will rise to the challenge. Mrs. Nancy Hojnacki had no comment, but was acknowledged for her dedication and the expertise she brings to Edge High School. Mrs. Hojnacki will retire at the end of this school year. <i>Thank you, Hojo!</i></p>	
Regular Agenda	<p><u>SAIS Report</u> Enrollment at 167 combined for the two campuses. HP-99, NW--68; ADM160.5 100th day was Feb 1, 2021.</p> <p><u>Finance Report</u> Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director presented on the financial dashboard for the month of January; Ending cash is over \$3,000; low as expected. Reduced by \$35,000 – State applied 5% less for distance learning students; it is possible we will receive retroactive repayment. Tax credits about \$5,000; reserve \$172,000. Budgeted expenses are on track.</p> <p><u>Administrator’s Update</u> Mr. Rob Pecharich, District Principal, informed the Board that schools are still expected to offer State standardized testing in person to 95% of eligible students – the month of April will be very busy. Last month charter board notified of 5 year review; we worked hard to get things together and this time we had all documents and policies in place. With staff and Stakeholder input we were able to complete CNA primary needs; they are MTSS, universal design, mental health services at Northwest and more parental involvement.</p>	

	Mr. Dave Thatcher, Northwest School Principal, shared that staff meets regularly and continues to get students to participate; Mr. Thatcher agrees with hybrid model but fears that students will blow off the 2 they are not on-site. Also thanked Daryl Wieneke and Jan Marshall for their support – it takes a lot to get registered. Northwest student continue to work hard and enrollment is steady.	
Bank Reconciliations – January 2021	Deferred	
Prior Meeting Minutes –Regular Meeting – January 17, 2021	Deferred	
Department of Health Services and Pima County Health Department - School Benchmarks for Reopening	<p>Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director, presented on to the Board that the Arizona Department of Health Services and Pima County Health Department will no longer recommend benchmarks for reopening schools, they will only provide the necessary mitigation facts.</p> <p>The Board discussed at length, returning to hybrid in-person learning at the start of 4th quarter. The decision was based on the belief that there is a moral responsibility to transition to in-person learning given that Educators were given priority in Arizona to be vaccinated and many staff members are scheduled to receive the 2nd vaccine before the start of the fourth quarter. In addition, many students are suffering in distance learning, academically and /or socially/emotionally.</p> <p>Mrs. Regina Suitt made the following motion - To approve that Edge School District move to hybrid learning on March 22, 2021 unless intervening factors arise. Ms. Claire Scheuren seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Claire Scheuren Aye – John Garcia Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Greg Hart</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>
Discussion and possible action to approve Principal Evaluation Tool	Deferred	
Discussion and possible action to approve fiscal year 2022 Charter School Capital Enrollment Marketing Contract	<p>Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director presented on Charter School Capital Proposals for 2022. Charter School Capital is in charge of our marketing campaign. They have lightened the load, have promoted the voice of Edge, continue social media ads, prepare promotional materials, send mailers, and create banners. Some students have registered at Edge after seeing us on social media.</p> <p>Mrs. Brittany Battle made the following motion - To approve the fiscal year 2022 Charter School Capital Enrollment Marketing Contract as presented. Ms. Claire Scheuren seconded the motion.</p>	<p>Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Claire Scheuren Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – John Garcia</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Discussion and possible action to approve school year 2021-22 Calendar	Dr. John Garcia made the following motion - To approve the School Year 2021-2022 Calendar as presented. Ms. Gloria Proo seconded the motion.	Aye – John Garcia Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Claire Scheuren Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Brittany Battle Motion passed unanimously
Discussion on Arizona department of Economic Security Unemployment Fraud	Ms. Anne Ortiz, Finance and Resource Director shared with the Board that starting in November 2020, we received Unemployment insurance(UI) claims for current employees. Ms. Ortiz reached out to Sesaly Stamps, legal counsel, with DeConcini McDonald, Yetwin and Lacy. Ms. Ortiz stated that we do not see any indicators that Edge information systems were breached, but UI fraud is significant in Arizona. We must discuss further; possibly provide credit monitoring.	
Board Development	In the previous board meeting, Mr. Greg Hart informed the board that Board Member Laura Conover requires more time in her new position as Pima County Attorney. Mrs. Regina Suitt sadly made the following motion - To approve the resignation of Laura Conover. Dr. John Garcia seconded the motion.	Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – John Garcia Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Claire Scheuren Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – Brittany Battle Motion passed unanimously
Board Development (con't)	Mrs. Brittany Battle presented to the Board on her recent meeting with Chelsea James via Zoom. Mrs. Battle shared that Mrs. James is remarkable in every way and she knows she makes a difference. Mr. Rob Pecharich also informed the Board the Mrs. James is a former Edge Teacher Aide. . Mrs. Regina Suitt made the following motion - To approve Chelsea James as a Member of the Edge Board. Mrs. Brittany Battle seconded the motion.	Aye – Regina Suitt Aye – Brittany Battle Aye – Greg Hart Aye – Claire Scheuren Aye – Gloria Proo Aye – John Garcia Motion passed unanimously
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am	

Next Board Meeting scheduled: Friday 3/12/2021 at 8:00 am

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