

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*A meeting of the Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School Board of Trustees was held on March 16., 2023 over teleconference and in person at 5871 Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV. 89120*

Board president Michelle Alarie calls the regular meeting to order at 4:00PM

### I - GENERAL

**Roll Call and adoption of agenda:** A quorum is established with the following board members present:

Michelle Alarie – President  
Calvert Webster – Vice President  
Mario Rezai– Treasurer  
Pamela Tarkanian – Secretary  
Edna Elisabeth Nyang– Trustee  
Matthew Fitzgerald - Trustee

Ms. Alarie presents a declaration of posting of board meeting agenda.

### II - PUBLIC COMMENTS

**Public Comments I:** No public comments are given.

### III - AGENDAS AND MINUTES

**Adoption of Agenda:** Mario Rezai moves to approve the adoption of agenda as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mario Rezai moves to approve the board minutes from October 20th 2022 as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

### IV - ORGANIZATIONAL

**Community Council:** Ms. Mattson states the Community council met on March 6th and approved the 2 qtr expenditures and all the policies. She als states that she made changes to the policies and the Community Council has approved.

**Administration:** Ms. Mattson states from March 3rd to the 16th they added 27 students. She goes on to talk about the Pupil centered funding plan that is based on the governor's recommended budget. The per pupil allotment base will increase by \$1,354 per student. Ms. Mattson states that the legislation bills come through and there are none that are departmental to EKA. Ms. Mattson says that SV256 is new and it might give EKA money for Facilities. Also big changes in the subject of discipline moving

away from restorative justice. She also says there is another Bill that will require the school to post all learning materials on our website. Ms Matison also states that CCSD might help fight this.

**Finance:** Ms Rogers states that they sent October to February check registers. Ms. Mattson talked about the maintenance issues at the school like roof, air conditioning and plumbing. She talks about the staffing of custodians. She also states that if we get the governor's funds for facilities that would help with janitorial staff.

**Teachers:** Ms Sanders talks about what the students are doing at the school. She continued to talk about each grade summarizing what each grade has learned since the last board meeting.

**Students:** No Update

**Board Members:** No Update

## V - BUSINESS

**Appointment of new board members:** Michelle Alarie discusses the new board member resume of Jamie Crooks. Jamie has a son at EKA so he will fulfill any parent role that we have. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Calvert Webster seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes. Jamie Crooks is appointed to the EKA board of trustees and will start at the next board meeting.

**FY 23 Staffing:** No new staffing.

**FY 23 Second Quarter Financials:** Abbe Mattson talked about how EKA is at 45% spent for the 2nd qtr which is really good. Ms. Alarie had questions about substitutes and if we needed them more this year. Ms. Mattson says that it's because of all the illness coming back. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Whistleblower Policy:** Abbe Mattson discusses how the Nevada department of ED grants money and explains how they are requiring policies to be eligible for the grant money. This policy is a new policy that EKA is implementing. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Attendance Policy Update:** Abbe Mattson discusses the amendment to this policy. She said that on page 3 we are adding prearranged absences to the policy. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Traffic Policy Update:** Abbe Mattson discusses the amendment to the policy that was added. Mr. Rezai wanted to know if Metro could get license plates of the offenders of the policy. Ms. Mattson states that Metro will not enforce EKA policies. CCSD and Metro will only help if the law is broken. Matthew Fitzgerald moves to approve for the motion as presented. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Donation and Gift Policy:** Abbe Mattson discusses this new policy, what is and what is included. If it is more than \$1000 the board members are informed. Michelle Alarie added some suggestions to the policy like any cash donations should be reported to the board. Michelle Alarie went through to formalize some policy changes for cash donations. Ms. Rogers states that this is strictly a donation policy and there are no strings attached. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Matthew Fitzgerald seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Disruption of School Operations Policy Update:** Abbe Mattson discusses page 2 of the policy. Addressing illegal substances, alcoholic beverages and excessive noise within a vehicle. Matthew Fitzgerald moves to approve for the motion as presented. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Superintendent Grants Approval:** Abbe Mattson discusses how she wants to have a way to apply for a grant without the board approval. She will let the board know she applied for a grant at the next board meeting. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Matthew Fitzgerald seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

**Policies:** Nothing to report.

**Grants:** Nothing to report.

## VI - PUBLIC COMMENTS II

**Public Comments II:** No comments are given.

## VII - ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA PLANNING

- Mar 17th End of 3rd qtr
- Mar 22nd Mustache Dress up day
- Mar 27, 2023 Parent Teacher Conferences
- Mar 28 Start SBAC Testing
- Mar 30 Petapalooza
- 4/3 - 4/7 Spring Break - School Closed
- Apr 13th Acoustic Rooster at Smith Center
- April 14 High School Prom

## VIII - ADJOURNMENT

**Adjournment:** Matthew Fitzgerald moves to adjourn the meeting. Edna Elisabeth Nyang seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous. The meeting is adjourned at 6:45 PM.