

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A meeting of the Explore Knowledge Academy Charter School Board of Trustees was held on May 16th, 2024 over teleconference and in person at 5871 Mountain Vista Street, Las Vegas, NV.

Board president Michelle Alarie calls the regular meeting to order at 4:04PM

I - GENERAL

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

Michelle Alarie – President
Matthew Fitzgerald – Vice-President
Mario Rezai - Treasurer (Joins at 4:17pm)
Pamela Tarkanian - Trustee
Samantha Jorgenson - Trustee
Edna Elisabeth Colman- Trustee (Joined at 4:30PM)

Not present : Calvert Webster – Secretary

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: Matthew Fitzgerald 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: Pamela Tarkanian moves to approve the board minutes from April 18 2024 as presented. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote. The vote is unanimous and the motion passes.

IV - ORGANIZATIONAL

Community Council: Ms. Mattson and the Community Council had a meeting on Monday to talk about rebranding the school name. She states that it does not speak to who we are. Abbe states that so far they are looking at “Explore Knowledge academy of public speaking” for the name change. She adds that this will clarify what the school is about. As far as the mission statement it is still being looked at. The Community Council approved the 3rd qtr financials as well.

Administration: Ms. Mattson states that there is not a lot due to the end of school. She adds that EKA had the Poetry Slam for secondary school which went great. Awards ceremony was Tuesday. Students had a game and contest with the teachers. Yesterday they had a field day. Today was field trip day at Adventuredome and a movie at Galaxy Theater, so most kids were off campus. Tomorrow is the last day of school, which is a half day. CCSD is trying to do all the audits now instead of April. Emergency Operation Plan is late due to CCSD. EKA will go ahead and make no changes for now. Ms. Mattson went

on to discuss the article about how CCSD charter Schools will be all closing. She adds that it was just about CCSD not sponsoring charters anymore and nothing to do with closings.

Finance: Lori states that she submitted the April check register.

Advisors: DL: Looking forward to the end of the year and enjoying summer break!
Kindergarten is excited about field day and moving on to First Grade. First grade science made solar ovens and cooked s'mores to culminate our unit on energy. 4th grade Math just finished SBAC and MAP testing. 4th grade showed huge growth and we are so proud of them. Also- About 140 Students 3rd-5th have mastered the multiplication and division facts! We celebrated with a balloon/glow dance party, pizza and ice cream. 4th and 5th graders showed a lot of effort on the testing this year, they are very excited for the events of next week (especially the movie) and everyone is excited for summer break! 5th-grade reading finished the novel Holes and then watched the movie adaptation to compare and contrast the book to the movie. 5th-grade social studies have been learning and memorizing the states, capitals, and abbreviations for the Pacific and Rocky Mountain regions of the U.S. These activities will wrap up at the end of the year. 7th-grade history: We finished up our WWII unit 7th grade science finished exploring ecology. 8th-grade English: We finished up our unit on Human Intelligence 11th/12th grade English enjoyed reading The Maze Runner

Board Members: No reports are given.

V - BUSINESS

FY 25 Staffing: Michelle Alarie discusses the staffing for the next school year. She adds that the administration has done everything that is needed to hire the employees including make sure they are certified and meet the qualifications. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

Public Hearing on Tentative Budget FY 25 to comply with NAC 387.720 (3-6) : Michelle Alarie states that there is no public that will hear the budget. Since there is no public for this hearing we can move on to the next item on the agenda.

Adoption of Final Budget FY 25 to comply with NAC 387.725 (1): Abbe Mattson discusses Page 20 of the board packet. She states that there are no changes, it is the same as last time. Abbe adds that it just needs reaffirming again. Mario Rezai moves to approve the motion as presented. Pamela Tarkanian seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

Superintendent Evaluation: Michelle Alarie discusses the evaluation for the superintendent for the 23-24 school year. Ms. Alarie goes over her evaluation of Ms. Mattson performance for the school year. Michelle Alarie goes over all the highlights for the superintendent for the school year. She states that Abbe Mattson's performance went above and beyond. Ms. Alarie states that Ms. Mattson exceeds expectations. Edna Elisabeth Nyang moves to approve for the motion as presented. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous, and the motion passes.

Superintendent Compensation: Michelle Alarie states that the compensation raise from 2 to 5 percent. Alarie states that her recommendation will be at 3 percent, then based on enrollment it could go up to 5 percent. She states with the cost of living increases, and the enrollment challenges is why she is at this recommendation. Ms. Mattson proposed that if we get enrolment up that they consider a 2 step raise. The board discussed in length what is needed to give a 5% raise. The majority of the board members wanted to give the superintendent a 5% raise due to her exemplary performance. Michelle Alarie calls for a vote for a 5% raise for the school superintendent Abbe Mattson. Matthew Fitzgerald moves to approve for the motion as presented. Mario Rezai seconds the motion. The vote is 3 votes to approve and 2 votes to not approve, and the motion passes.

Policies: None.

Grants: None.

Gifts: Abbe Mattson states there was water and chips donated by parents for the field day.

VI - PUBLIC COMMENTS II

Public Comments II: No comments are given.

VII - ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA PLANNING

- One of the seniors was on fox news for perfect attendance.
- Last Day of School 5/17
- HS Graduation 5/21

VIII - ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: Mario Rezai 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 5:17 PM.