



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HEALTHY START ACADEMY
Healthy Start Academy, 807 West Chapel Hill Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701
Meeting, Thursday, February 27, 2020 4:00 p.m.

Board Minutes

Attendance: Elizabeth Morey, Gwendolyn Wicker, Cary Cain, Alex Quigley, Aronda Hill, Richard Ford, Beatrice Chestnut, April Twine, Kathy Davies, Michael Page, Philip Adkins, and John Deberry

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Morey, Gwendolyn Wicker, Cary Cain, Richard Ford, April Twine, Beatrice Chestnut, John Deberry, and Michael Page

Board Members Absent: Preston Edwards and Gerald McNair

Call to Order

The Healthy Start Academy Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. with Ms. Elizabeth Morey presiding.

Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.

Privilege of the Floor

No one requested Privilege of the Floor.

Approval of Agenda

Vote

Mr. Cary Cain moved to approve the agenda as provided.
Ms. April Twine seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Approval of Board Minutes

Vote:

Mr. Cary Cain moved to approve the board minutes as provided.

Ms. April Twine seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Financial Report

Ms. Kathy Davies attend the board meeting from Acadia NorthStar. Ms. Davies supplied the board copies of the latest State and Federal budgets. Currently, the school is in good financial shape.

Ms. Kathy Davies did send out the current budget for the 2019-2020 school year. According to that budget, the school has a balanced budget. Since the legislature was not able to override the governor's veto, we have been using last year's funding amounts until we receive the 2019-2020 funding amounts from DPI.

Ms. Kathy Davies has finally received more accurate budget numbers from DPI, and the February budget has been revised to show more accurate budget numbers. Ms. Davies and Principal Alex Quigley have adjusted the 2019-2020 budget and the budget before the board reflects on those changes.

Ms. Elizabeth Morey provided the Board with information on the North Carolina 21st Century Grant.

The budget for the 2019-2020 school year is based on 467 students, 48 EC students, and 53 LEP students.

The 20-day headcount did come in at 467 students.

Mr. Alex Quigley will work on making sure the all Federal grants are completed and approved in a timely manner.

Vote:

Ms. Gwendolyn Wicker moved to approve the current budget.

Mr. John Deberry seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Principal's Report

Mr. Alex Quigley went over the Healthy Start Academy Principal's Report to the Board of Directors including the following:

Principal's Report to the Board of Directors

Staffing Update: No Changes

Fact Sheet on Healthy Start Academy Enrollment

Out of School Suspension Data

Student Enrollment Projection for 2020-2021 School Year

Mr. Alex Quigley has submitted the North Carolina Charter School Self Study for Healthy Start Academy Renewal. A copy of the seven-page Self Study was included in the Board package. The self-study includes the following:

1. School Information
2. Board Information
3. Executive Summary
 - Mission and Vision
 - Background and Context
 - 2018-2019 Year End Summary and Update
4. Goals and Objectives
 - Goals – Academic
 - Goals – Financial
 - Goals – Operational
5. Education Program
 - a. Curriculum
 - b. Instructional Methodology and Techniques
 - c. Accountability
6. Additional Information
7. Certify Submission

Copy of the Healthy Start Academy School Performance Information for 2014 thru 2019.

Mr. Alex Quigley included the latest Data Day #2 – 1/31/2020 information for the Board. This included data for both reading and math with test results from the 2018-2019 check-in #2, 2019-2020 check-in #1, and 2019-2020 check-in #2.

The reading scores were listed for grades 4th through 8th in Reading and for grades 3rd through 8th in Math. The data are showing that the school is moving in the right direction. The package that was shared with the Board of Directors was 21 pages long and includes data points and staff observations.

Vote:

Mr. Richard Ford moved to approve the Principal's Report as provided.

Mr. Cary Cain seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Student Achievement/Renewal/Performance Framework

Mr. Alex Quigley is working on the school's Primary Goals:

1. Exceed Growth with a minimum 5.0 Growth Index Score
2. Increase Overall GLP to 60%
3. 80% of students in grades K-2 meet their mClass EOY Benchmarks

In 5 years, Healthy Start Academy will become an outstanding charter option in Durham, serving approximately 450 students in grades K-8. The school will earn a performance grade of B or better, and its students will outperform similar students in DPS by at least a 20-point margin. There will be a total waitlist of over 500 students spread across all grade levels. Students at Healthy Start Academy will be competitive with their peers in academics, athletics, the arts, as well as active in the community. 8th graders will graduate prepared to take advanced and honors track classes and many will gain entrance to competitive private schools.

Math EOG Goal, 60% status is off-track, the most recent NC check-ins suggest this might be very ambitious.

Reading EOG Goal, 40% status is off-track, increase in ELL students presents significant obstacles, and the test is changing this year so it's hard to expect a lot of growth here in proficiency.

Science Goal 80%, Within Range, this is a stretch but still possible.

Growth Exceeds w/+5.0, Within Range, i-Ready suggests that we have made strong growth in the first half of the year.

PTO Report

No PTO report at this meeting. The PTO will be meeting at 6 p.m. today in the auditorium. All Board members are encouraged to attend the meeting. This is the PTO meeting that was cancelled due to the storms last week.

OLD BUSINESS

State School Board/Office of Charter Schools Meetings

Ms. Elizabeth Morey continues to attend the State School Board meetings and Charter School Advisory Board meetings. If you would like to attend the meetings but are unable to do so in

person, the meetings are now posted on YouTube. Just search for North Carolina State School Board meeting or North Carolina Charter School Advisory Board meeting and start the recording.

Meeting with Durham Charter Collaborative (DCC)

Ms. Elizabeth Morey will keep the Board informed on the Durham Charter Collaborative meeting schedule.

The DCC is still meeting once a month and the meetings are being hosted by a different charter school each month.

Charter Renewal Process

Healthy Start Academy is now in the renewal process. This will take 2 years to complete and will require the Board to attend some meetings at DPI and at the school.

The first meeting will be at Healthy Start Academy on April 16, 2020, time to be determined. This is part of the DPI site visit that will take place on the same day.

New Bus Lease

We are still having issues with the used buses that have been purchased. Ms. Elizabeth Morey will contact the company that we currently lease 4 buses from and see what the cost would be for a new lease for 4 new buses. The school's current bus lease will end in 2021 with a buyout of \$108,240.00 for the 4 buses.

New Windows for Auditorium

The new windows for the auditorium were installed over winter vacation. The installation went as planned and the windows look great. The amount of light that is now in the multipurpose room is awesome and has made the room even more useful. The outside window frames were also wrapped in vinyl and will no longer need to be painted. Changing the windows out and adding the new vinyl-wrapped window frames has increased the curb appeal of the school. This will make the school look more up to date in an area for Durham that is under major construction projects.

NEW BUSINESS

Lottery Policy

Board Meeting Schedule 2020 through 2022.

See schedule.

Staff Changes (if any)

No Changes currently

IRS Mileage Update

See memo from Traci Medlin at Acadia NorthStar, LLC.

KidzNotes Update

Mr. Alex Quigley gave the Board of Directors an update on the program.

North Carolina 21st Century Grant

Dr. Malone from NCCU has asked the school to participate

Bill from Carter Community for Bus Parking Paving

See documentation.

CLOSED SESSION

Personnel Matters with School Attorney

Vote:

Mr. Richard Ford moved to go into closed session for personnel matters.
Mr. Cary Cain seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Vote:

Mr. Richard Ford moved to come out of closed session for personnel matters. Ms. April Twine seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

VOTES

Mr. Michael Page moved to approve the following:

- Approve Board Meeting Schedule
- Approve IRS Mileage Rate 2020
- Approve North Carolina 21st Century Grant participation
- Approve Bill from Carter Community for Bus Parking Lot Paving with Parking Privileges Document for the Next 3 Years

Mr. John Deberry seconded.
Passed with unanimous approval.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vote:

Mr. Cary Cain moved to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. April Twine seconded the motion.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Ms. Morey adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.