



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF HEALTHY START ACADEMY
Healthy Start Academy, 807 West Chapel Hill Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701
Meeting, Thursday, August 13, 2020 5:00 p.m. ZOOM MEETING

Board Minutes

Attendance: Elizabeth Morey, Gwendolyn Wicker, Cary Cain, Alex Quigley, Aronda Hill, Richard Ford, April Twine, Michael Page, Preston Edwards, Gerald McNair, Philip Adkins, John Deberry, and Bea Chestnutt

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Morey, Gwendolyn Wicker, Cary Cain, Richard Ford, April Twine, Preston Edwards, Gerald McNair, Bea Chestnutt, John Deberry, and Michael Page

Board Members Absent:

Call to Order

The Healthy Start Academy Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 5:08 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. Richard Ford moved to approve the agenda as provided. Ms. April Twine Cain seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Approval of Board Minutes

Vote:

Mr. Richard Ford moved to approve the board minutes as provided. Ms. April Twine seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

REPORTS

Financial Report

Ms. Kathy Davies was unable to attend the board meeting from AcadiaNorthstar. Ms. Davies supplied the board copies of the latest State and Federal budgets. Currently the school is in good financial shape.

Ms. Morey presented the board with the Healthy Start Academy year end preliminary 2019-2020 school budget. As you can see the school ended the 2019-2020 school year with a surplus of \$346,782.11. The Board will still need to wait for the final numbers that will be listed in the school's official audit report. The audit report will be completed by October 30, 2020 for submittal to the Local Government Commission and DPI's Finance Department. Since the board meeting is taking place so early in August Acadia has not closed out the first month of school (we do not have July or August Budget numbers available) Acadia has been working on closing out the 2019-2020 school year and making sure that all the financial information is sent to the auditors in a timely manner. Since Healthy Start Academy is up for renewal this year it is imperative that the school's audit be in on time.

The budget for the 2020-2021 school year is based on 480 students, 53 EC students, and 48 LEP students.

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

Ms. Davies and Principal Quigley have adjusted the 2020-2021 budget since the Covid - 19 virus has students most likely learning online or at reduced numbers for the start of the school year.

Currently, we do not have firm budget numbers from the state of North Carolina on

what the per student allotment will be.

Healthy Start Academy has not received a check from Durham Public Schools and we have not been able to calculate the Durham County per student allotment.

Since school has not started, we do not have an official student count to base the 2020-2021 budget on.

Currently, we do not have any meaningful budget numbers to look at.

Vote:

Mr. Preston Edwards moved to approve the 2019-2020-year end budget. Mr. Cary Cain seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Principal's Report

Mr. 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: Kindergarten teacher resignation

Student Enrollment and recruitment for 2020-2021 is looking good, we currently have 500 students enrolled.

Working on development of effective hybrid and remote learning systems for next year

Submitting the Healthy Start Virtual Academy Plan for Board Approval
Submitting the Re-Entry Plan for Board Approval and Full Remote Plan for the first 4-6 weeks if needed. Most likely the school will Start Remotely and ease into a hybrid model.

Principal Quigley has been working with the teachers on staff development with the teachers in the building, but all training has been done via computer thru Zoom. Teachers have been setting up their classrooms so they can teach remotely from the classroom.

Healthy Start Academy set up three parent student supply days so that parents could pick up workbooks and other supplies from school safely. The School had 477 parents take advantage of this opportunity and had only 26 no shows.

This week the school kicked off parent and student orientation for remote learning. Teachers have been doing welcome back videos to introduce themselves to students and parents for the upcoming school year.

The first day of school will be Wednesday, August 19, 2020.

Principal Quigley has over 150 parents sign on to the first parent meeting via Zoom of the new school year. Principal Quigley has been hosting weekly parent Zoom meetings.

Healthy Start Academy has a waiting list of over 50 students.

The school staff is working extremely hard to have 100% participation for remote learning

Principal Quigley informed the Board about the National Summer School initiative provides innovative model of online learning in fall. Non-profit program features engaging curriculum for students and daily mentoring development for teachers in 17 states. Healthy Start Academy is now participating in this initiative.

Student Achievement/Renewal/Performance Framework

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.

Everything is on track for our Renewal. DPI is still working on the renewal cycle for all schools that are in the current renewal process. Our site visit will be done remotely, waiting for visit schedule some time in September.

As of this meeting the school has no Performance Framework issues

Covid -19 Report

Still dealing with this issue

OLD BUSINESS

State School Board/Office of Charter Schools Meetings

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

The DCC is still meeting via ZOOM on a modified schedule.

Charter Renewal Process

Everything is on track for our Renewal. DPI is still working on the renewal cycle for all schools that are in the current renewal process. Our site visit will be done remotely, waiting for visit schedule time in September.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Healthy Start Virtual Academy Plan

Principal Quigley informed the Board about this in his report

Approve Healthy Start Academy as a school wide CEP school

Arona Hill stated that Board Approval is needed for the Federal School Lunch program that Healthy Start Academy participates in.

Approve Chicken Hut as the school's meal provider for the Federal School Lunch program.

Breakfast is \$1.55 per meal and Lunch is \$3.88 per meal

VOTES

Mr. Gerald McNair moved to approve the following:

Approve Healthy Start Virtual Academy Plan

Approve Healthy Start Academy as a school wide CEP school

Approve Chicken Hut as the school's meal provider for the Federal School Lunch program.

Mr. Preston Edwards seconded.

Passed with unanimous approval.

ANNOUNCEMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Vote

Mr. Gerald McNair moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Gwen Wicker seconded the motion.

Passed with unanimous approval.

Ms. Morey adjourned the meeting at 5:40pm.