



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF DURHAM CHARTER SCHOOL
Healthy Start Academy, 807 West Chapel Hill Street
Durham, North Carolina 27701

Day of Meeting	Date of Meeting	Time of Meeting	In-Person/ZOOM/Conference Call
Thursday	5/25/2023	5:00 PM	In Person

Board Minutes

Board Members Present:

Liz Morey
Gwendolyn Wicker
Preston Edwards
Ernesto Lember
Richard Ford
Matthew Lesesky
John DeBerry

Staff Members and Guests Present:

Alex Quigley, Executive Director
Aronda Hill, Director of Operations

Board Members Absent:

Gerald McNair
Michael Page
Cary Cain

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at:

Time:	5:09 pm
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Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was rendered.



Privilege of the Floor

Summary:

No one was present for the Privilege of the Floor

Approval of Agenda and Board Minutes

Motion: Mr. Edwards motioned to approve the 5/25/2023 board agenda

Seconded by: Mr. Ford

Vote: Unanimously passed

Approval of Board Minutes

Motion: Mr. Ford motioned to approve the 4/27/2023 board meeting minutes

Seconded: Ms. Wicker

Vote: Unanimously passed

REPORTS

Financial Report

Summary: Ms. Morey informed the board that Ms. Davies will be absent due to the graduation of her grandson. Mr. Quigley gave the financial report. He said there is a possibility that the school will not hit its surplus target but that would be okay. Mr. Quigley is confident that the school will be in the black at the end of the year. There was a board discussion on the budget.

Executive Director's Report

Summary: Mr. Quigley reported to the board that 811 students are projected to attend DCS in the 23-24 school year. Mr. Quigley also shared data on the mock EOG that was recently taken. Projections around the EOG are the same as last year. Mr. Quigley shared that historically, students that enter DCS as new students are 20% below a student who has matriculated through DCS. Mr. Quigley reviewed a growth readiness report developed by Bellwether after they visited the schools. Ms. Morey introduced an agency called Board on Track to board members.

Old Business

State Board of Education Meeting Updates

Durham Collaborative Update

NC Charter School Association Updates

No updates were provided for the State Board of Education and Durham Collaborative. Ms. Morey provided the dates for the NC Charter School Association Conference

New Business

Bus Purchase

Mr. Quigley recommended to the board to purchase a 14-passenger bus for the purpose of transporting athletes. The recommendation is for three buses but immediately the school needs one. Ms. Morey added that two other schools are interested in the same bus. There was a lengthy board discussion on the purchase of a bus.

CLOSED SESSION

The board voted to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and real estate issues.



Motion: Ms. Wicker motioned for the board to go into closed session

Second: Mr. DeBerry

Vote: Unanimously passed

Entered into: 6:02 pm

Motion: Ms. Wicker motioned for the board to adjourn from closed session

Seconded by: Mr. DeBerry

Vote: Unanimously passed

Exited from: 6:21 pm

Board Votes:

Approval of New Hires

Approval of 14-Passenger Bus

Approval to Move June 22 Meeting to June 15, 2023, and no meeting in July

Motion: Ms. Wicker motioned to approve the New Hires

Seconded by: Mr. Edwards

Vote: Unanimously passed

Motion: Ms. Wicker motioned to approve the purchase of a 14-passenger activity bus

Seconded by: Mr. DeBerry

Vote: Unanimously passed

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for:

The next board meeting will be held Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 5 pm. There will be no meeting in July.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Ford motioned to adjourn the meeting

Second: Mr. Edwards

Vote: Unanimously passed

Time of Adjournment: 6:50 pm