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Board Meeting Special Meeting Agenda

April 28, 2021

4:00 pm

7899 Lexington Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80920
New Summit Charter Academy
Pikes Peak Conference Room

I. Call Meeting to Order: 4:02 pm

i. Roll Call

Mr. Aaron Salt	Mr. Doug Downey	Mr. Eric Davis	Mr. Anthony Bachmann	Mrs. Michelle Ruehl
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Mrs. Ruehl joined at 4:48 pm

Mr. Davis left at 5:50 pm

ii. Pledge of Allegiance (**Mr. Salt**)

iii. Approval of the agenda

I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE 04/28/2021 NSCA BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Motion to Approve: *Anthony Bachmann*

2nd: *Eric Davis*

Roll Call:

Mr. Aaron Salt	Mr. Doug Downey	Mr. Eric Davis	Mr. Anthony Bachmann	Mrs. Michelle Ruehl
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Motion Action: *Passed*

II. Public Comment Agenda Items

Each presenter will be limited to 3 minutes

No Public Comment for 04/28/2021

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III. Comments

a. Board Members

Eric Davis: Throwing a Freedom Prom for high school students on May 22, 2021

b. Executive Director

- *We are moving forward with Board Member applications*
 - *We currently have 1 application*
 - *We have revised the interview questions and application*
 - *Applications close on Friday, April 30, 2021*
- *We have a call to action for the Education Alliance in our defense of SB1295*
 - *This bill was introduced and will effectively harm charter schools by not allowing charter schools to have a fair review or appeal process of decisions made by a district*
- *The EAC had a Health Department call on Monday afternoon and it was made very clear that the quarantine situation is still challenging and difficult for leaders and decision makers to navigate even this late in the school year*

IV. Action

a. Approval of Curiosity Science

I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE CURIOSITY SCIENCE FOR GRADES K-5, STARTING IN THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Motion to Approve: *Eric Davis*

2nd: *Anthony Bachman*

Roll Call:

Mr. Aaron
Salt

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mr. Doug
Downey

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mr. Eric
Davis

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mr. Anthony
Bachmann

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mrs. Michelle
Ruehl

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Motion Action: *Passed*

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b. Approval of Resolution Celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week

I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

Motion to Approve: *Doug Downey*

2nd: *Anthony Bachmann*

Roll Call:

Mr. Aaron Salt

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mr. Doug Downey

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mr. Eric Davis

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mr. Anthony Bachmann

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Mrs. Michelle Ruehl

Yes
 No
 Abstain
 Absent

Motion Action: *Passed*

V. Discussion

a. Continued 2021-2022 Homeschool Program Discussion (**Mrs. McClelland**)

Continuation of the Homeschool Program discussion from the 04/14/2021 meeting

- o *We are looking to move forward with a Homeschool High School program*
- o *Our minimum number would not be 25 students if we need to add another class, we would need to add an additional teacher, which would mean an increase in minimum enrollment*
- o *The programs that are being presented by Eric Dinnel would be completely run and marketed by Eric and his team, NSCA would just receive a portion of funding*
 - o *Some programs would need the use of a room in our building, but the class materials and other aspects come from a third-party vendor*
- o *Brad Miller, it is no longer the case that the State issues new school codes for part time school programs*
 - o *This is now done at the district-level, if deemed necessary*
 - o *We are not precluded from part time programming, but if it is a different type of program than what we applied for, we would need to notify ASD 20*
 - o *We would possibly need permission from ASD 20 to have a third-party vendor providing learning as a part of our school model*
- o *Doug Downey: as a group, we were impressed with the design and fidelity of the programs as they were presented to us.*
- o *Aaron Salt: would all four programs (Front Range Construction Program, Sports Management, Outdoor Education Program, Agriculture and Agri-Business) be something that we feel comfortable utilizing?*
- o *Kim McClelland: Yes.*
- o *Aaron Salt: are we marketing this? Is Eric marketing this?*
- o *Kim McClelland: Eric is in charge of marketing this program. He said he needs 10-15 students in each program to make it go, but we are not responsible for marketing those seats.*
- o *Aaron Salt: Where is the program going to be held?*

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- *Kim McClelland: We have the two Homeschool classrooms and we have the option to utilize a third classroom if we offer programs on different days.*
 - *As we look at our long-term plan, we would have to look at the layout because our 5-year build-out plan utilizes those rooms for middle school classes*
 - *Aaron Salt: When we discussed this before, we were uncomfortable with high school students being in the same building and sharing a bathroom with elementary students. Is that still the case?*

Kim McClelland: I am not comfortable with those students being in the building at the same time. We would have to get creative with the interaction of students to see what is available for us as options. Some of the programs would not meet on-site all the time, so it could be mitigated in that way.
 - *Aaron Salt: I would like to see some kind of criteria in order for students to be accepted into the program so that we do not have students with delinquencies that are allowed in without any conditions.*
- b. **2021-2022 Proposed Budget Discussion (Mrs. Hilborn, Mrs. McClelland)**
 - *Maureen Hilborn: We are actively interviewing candidates for the open positions.*
 - *Our PPP Loan Forgiveness is completed and the bank approved the full loan forgiveness*
 - *There are no major changes to the budget at this time*
 - *Kim McClelland: We are looking into options for covering the cost of increased benefits to our staff members*
 - *Maureen Hilborn: ASD 20 is covering the increased cost for their employees, so we are looking at that option for our employees as well*
 - *There is no set dollar amount at this time, it will depend on the information we get from Cigna with our total amount*
 - *Kim McClelland: I had a call with Becky Allen today and we will be receiving approximately \$198,000.00 that we can spend through 2024*
 - *20% needs to go towards covering learning loss*
 - *I am hesitant to hire staff with these funds because it is a one-time amount and an employee is an annual cost*
 - *We are looking at possibly getting some updated tech for teachers*
 - *The HVAC updates will be reflected into our refinance*

VI. Information

No Information Items for 04/28/2021

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VII. Other Business not on the Agenda

- a. Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(f) to discuss personnel matters and the evaluation of the Executive Director/Principal

I MOVE THAT WE MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(F) TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS AND THE EVALUATION OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL

Motion to Approve: Michelle Ruehl

2nd: Eric Davis

Entered Executive Session at 4:54 pm

Adjourned Executive Session at 6:28 pm

VIII. Adjourn *6:33 pm*

I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN THE 04/28/2021 NSCA BOARD SPECIAL MEETING

Motion to Approve: Michelle Ruehl

2nd: Anthony Bachmann

Roll Call:

Mr. Aaron
Salt

Yes
 No
 Absent

Mr. Doug
Downey

Yes
 No
 Absent

Mr. Eric
Davis

Yes
 No
 Absent

Mr. Anthony
Bachmann

Yes
 No
 Absent

Mrs. Michelle
Ruehl

Yes
 No
 Absent

Motion Action: *Passed*