

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FIAFW, INC.
SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGH POINT ACADEMY – FORT WORTH

April 20, 2021 / 7:00 PM

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the above referenced corporation was held on April 20, 2021 by video conference/teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's temporary suspension of Open Meeting Laws. Meeting was called to order by President Connie Barnett at 7:03 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Barnett, Nate Starmer, Pam Hartwell

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Katie P. Stellar, Jana Tennyson, Dana Yates, Allyson Solymosy, Heather Houpt, Craig Shreckengast, Alisha Yeager, Christopher Lawrence, Harrison Park, Katherine Kinsler, Michelle Noskin, Jayne Lawrence, Andrew Morales, Abigail M., Emma Allen, Julie Stuart, Audrey Peterson, Ava Morgan, Mandy Martin, Terence Alexander, Anya Stuart, James, Meg Sanks, Zachary Blankenship, Karen Emery, Melody Armstrong

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No

RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Approved minutes - March 23, 2021 - Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by Nate Starmer (Unanimously Approved).

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Updates and Discussion of the following:

RECOGNITIONS:

Class of 2021

REPORTS:

- **Allyson Solymosy** – Congratulations to Andrew Morales, our 4th grade Social Studies teacher. He was nominated by Matthew Rogers for the Rockstar Teacher Contest that was organized by Smile Doctors. Andrew earned over 2200 votes, competing against teachers from Texas School of the Arts, Texas Academy of Biomedical Sciences, and a public ISD middle school. We have gotten through

our fourth grade Writing STAAR. We are planning for summer camps and kindergarten graduation. Thank you to our teachers and students for having a great spring so far.

- **Heather Houpt** – We are getting ready for Math and Reading STAAR and fifth grade Science STAAR. Fourth grade Writing went well. Online STARR, if you have read the articles about campuses that were trying to do it online, it was a debacle. We were fortunate to only have one student that was taking the STAAR online, and that student was able to complete it online that same week. We took kindergarten graduation pictures and they turned out great. We appreciate LifeTouch so much. We are getting the awards programs figured out and all the end of the year fun stuff. We are going to be able to have a field day, it will look a little different, we will not be able to have parents attend. Our PE teachers are coming up with plans to spread everything out to keep social distancing. We have been extremely fortunate since March; we really have not had too many people to send off to quarantine for two weeks. Everyone is still working hard, our K-2 teachers have started their TPRI and end of the year reading assessments.
- **Craig Shreckengast** – Our commencement will take place May 28th at 7 p.m. at Wedgwood Baptist Church. We are getting everything together for graduation, finishing up the STAAR, and EOC's. At the same time, we are really involved in getting ready for next year. At the high school level, we are looking at schedules and considering staffing needs. Everyone has been remarkably busy trying to get everything done and keeping it going great these last few weeks.
- **Dana Yates** – We are continuing to work on making offers and accepting. We will have the registration forms for returning students available on May 15th. We are working on updating our forms and making changes to the forms that TEA requires going into the 2021-22 school year. Lastly, we are tightening up some of our procedures. Our attendance clerks have really been pressing attendance, getting people in for hearings, which has significantly improved our attendance for this last six weeks. We have gone back to the teachers to reiterate what is/isn't an absence, and when you can count a distance learner as present. We had some cleaning up that we did have to do, TEA did allow us to go back and fix that for the fourth six weeks. We were able to end the fifth six weeks with 96.18%, which is excellent for this time of year.
- **Katie Stellar** – To my knowledge we have been doing well with Covid, we were expecting a surge after Spring break, we haven't really had but a few cases, but it hasn't really affected the staff. There are some unknowns still about the upcoming school year and we are waiting on the Texas Education Agency to give guidance as they can. The legislature is in session now, so we are hoping we will have some definition for things come June. We are making plans as we can for Fall possibilities and looking forward to a new year and hoping to return to something resembling normal. In reference to the 8300 W. Freeway property, the interior has been finished and passed all the inspections. So, every space within the existing structure has been approved and is usable. The plans for the layout of the property with the placement of the modulars and the playground space and things like that have been submitted to the city as of the end of last week. I was told that there is a 30-day comment period that the city has, and our experience has been over the past couple of years that White Settlement usually uses the entirety of the 30 days. I would be pleasantly surprised if we hear something in fewer than 30 days, but I am hopeful that we will hear something by the end of that 30 days. I have had an opportunity through watching the musical twice and going to the dance showcase and being around the campuses here and there, seeing the things that not only our seniors but our students are doing. Just to see the growth in our programs, but also to see the growth in our students who I remember from our first year, six years ago, who are now seniors. It is nice to know that in a measure we have watched you grow up and grow into young adults that are going into the world. Whether you are choosing to go into military service, or to continue your education in a university setting or community college setting, or whether you are out in the workforce, I just want you to know how proud the High Point family is of all that you have accomplished with us and all the great things that you will accomplish in the future. I am proud of you all.

- **Karen Emery** – presented Financial Report - Motion made by Nate Starmer, 2nd by Pam Hartwell (Unanimously Approved).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

The following Corporate Actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors entitled to vote (unless a higher voting approval is stated)

- a) EMAT Allotment Certification - Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by Nate Starmer (Unanimously Approved).
- b) Employee Handbook - Motion made by Nate Starmer, 2nd by Pam Hartwell (Unanimously Approved).
- c) Elementary Use of Remote Instructional Days - Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by Nate Starmer (Unanimously Approved).
- d) Executive Session (Personnel/Financial) – Motion made to enter Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. by Nate Starmer, 2nd by Pam Hartwell (Unanimously Approved).
- e) Reconvene from Executive Session/Vote on items discussed in Executive Session – Motion made to exit Executive Session at 9:06 pm by Nate Starmer, 2nd by BK Myles (Unanimously Approved). There were not action items for vote.
- f) Request(s) by Board Member(s) for item(s) to be placed on agenda for next board meeting - None at this time.

Adjourn

Motion made by Pam Hartwell , 2nd by Jaye Sanford (Unanimously Approved); Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Adjournment Approved

Minutes submitted and certified by President Connie Barnett



Connie Barnett, Board President