



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS November 3, 2021**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Brookfield Engineering Science and Technology Academy Charter School (“**B.E.S.T.**” or the “**School**”) was held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

**Directors Present:** Ognen Nastov, Kristine Stanga, Chad Leptich, Edward Singh, and Joseph Cipres

**Directors Absent:**

**Also Present:** James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Daniel Crook, Cory Cavanah, Jason Arca, Joel Manwarren, and Donna Colbert

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Board President Kristine Stanga called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

**2. Approval of Agenda:** *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of November 3, 2021.*

**Approval Motion:** Joseph Cipres **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich – *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Led by:** Joseph Cipres

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS**

Mr. Mays recognized Victoria Conway for getting her Leading Edge Certification. Additionally, Mr. Mays showcased students who have gone above and beyond in academics for the month of September and October, recognition of Red Ribbon Week, and student involvement.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

**a. October Financial Report:** Mr. Cavanah presented the October financial plan to the Board.

**b. NWEA MAP Testing:** Mr. Manwarren presented the 2020-21 and 2021-22 comparisons of the demographics of B.E.S.T. Academy's student population. Mr. Manwarren showed baseline NWEA scores as well as a marked increase from the 2020-21 year. Additionally, teachers are continuing to attend conferences and educational trainings to help support the students.

**c. COVID-19 Testing Policy:** Mr. Soriano presented the current COVID-19 Testing Policy. Due to the lack of in-person and absence of field trips, B.E.S.T. Academy's policies are minimal but would likely change as in-person exchanges begin to occur. This policy is a draft and will be brought to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

**d. Local Indicators for the Dashboard:** Mr. Crook demonstrated the way in which the Department of Education publishes the data of every public school in California. It is a statewide registry of schools available to the public. Mr. Crook explained that B.E.S.T. Academy uses this data to decide LCAP goals in the coming years.

**e. Educator Effectiveness Grant Plan:** Mr. Crook explained Educator Effectiveness Grant Plan. This is a one-time grant and is spread over 5 years. The leadership team is currently working to decide where the grant would be best earmarked within the organization.

**f. Brown Act training - Virtual Module:** Mr. Soriano explained that the group conducting the virtual Brown Act training is working on technical issues with emails sent to Board members for the logins to complete the training.

## 6. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be approved, ratified, and enacted in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no more discussion on these items prior to Board vote. Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

**Approval Motion:** Joseph Cipres **Second:** Ognen Nastov **Ayes:** All

### 6.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**a. Approval of the Minutes:** *Board Meeting of October 6, 2021*

**b. Expense Reports:** *October Reimbursements*

**c. Check Register:** *October 2021 Check Register*

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

There were no action items for this meeting.

**8. BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mr. Leptich shared two news articles in regard to charter schools as food for thought.

Mrs. Stanga thanked the directors for presenting the data this evening.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

Mr. Soriano expressed his appreciation for the new teaching staff this year. Mr. Soriano explained their previous experience in the classroom has paid off and their collaboration has been helpful with the other teachers. Mr. Mays expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crook, Mr. Manwarren, and Mr. Cavanah for their leadership within the organization.

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Approval Motion:** Edward Singh **Second:** Joseph Cipres **Ayes:** All

10.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov - aye

Michal Alchikh - aye

Chad Leptich - aye

Kristine Stanga - aye

**Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:**

- December 1, 2021
- February 2, 2022
- March 2, 2022
- April 6, 2022
- May 4, 2022
- June 1, 2022

Meeting adjourned 7:11