



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS March 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, March 3, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

**Directors Absent:** Michal Alchikh

**Also Present:** James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Daniel Crook, Cory Cavanah, Bryan Farmer 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 March 3, 2021.*

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

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**Led by:** Alex Soriano

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

No members of the public shared any comments.

## 5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

**a. Draft 2021-22 School Calendar:** Mr. Soriano presented the proposed calendar for the 2021-22 school year as well as the possibility of the extended school year track calendar. Mrs. Stanga recommended adding a key for color coding for forward facing documents.

**b. Comprehensive School Safety Plan:** Mr. Soriano discussed the changes made under the Intervention Process section of B.E.S.T Academy's Comprehensive School Safety Plan to match the wording in the Master Agreements that are signed by parents and students. Mrs. Stanga suggested adding a table of contents to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan handbook.

**c. Proposed Additional Staffing:** Mr. Soriano presented the Staffing Proposal for 2021-22 that would support LCAP goals. Mr. Soriano explained staffing proposals based on current enrollment and funding as well as staffing proposals based on growth based enrollment and funding. Mr. Leptich discussed the potential of subcontracting for potential positions in the future.

**d. March Financial Report:** Mr. Soriano presented the March financial report to the board.

**e. WASC Application and Visit Changed:** *March 5th*

## 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:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

### 6.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**a. Approval of the Minutes:** *Board Meeting of February 3, 2021*

**b. Expense Reports:** *Approval of this item approves the reimbursement of expenses incurred by employees and/or board members*

**c. Check Register:** *July 2020- February 2021 Check Register*

**d. Staffing Items:** *None*

## **7. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Approval of 2020-21 2nd Interim Budget Report:** Mr. Cavanah presented the 2020-21 2nd Interim Budget Report to the Board.

**Approval Motion:** Ognen Nastov **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

### 7.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**b. FormativED Contract:** FormativEd contract for B.E.S.T Academy manages the website, compliance, and most importantly marketing. Bryan Farmer of FormativED was available to answer questions. Approval establishes contract for marketing and website management.

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

### 7.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

## **8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mrs. Stanga expressed her appreciation for Daniel Crook and the rest of the staff on working towards WASC accreditation. Mr. Leptich added his appreciation for the staff working hard during a difficult year.

## **9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Mr. Soriano wanted to express his gratitude to Mr. Crook and the B.E.S.T. Academy team as they have prepared for the WASC process. Mr. Mays wanted to echo his appreciation to the team and Board as B.E.S.T. Academy works towards WASC accreditation. Mr. Mays wanted to announce that B.E.S.T. Academy was beginning to work on a federal grant for charter schools. Additionally, there have been 25 families

expressing interest in attending B.E.S.T.at the start of the next school year.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

10.a Roll Call to adjourn

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

### **Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:**

April 7, 2021

May 5, 2021

June 2, 2021

- Spring Break: March 22-26, 2021
- ELPAC Testing: Present to May 31, 2021
- State Testing begins April 1, 2021

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:45 p.m.