



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS June 2, 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, June 2, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

**Directors Absent:**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER** Board president Kristine Stanga called the meeting to order at 5:36pm. 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 June 2, 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 - *aye*

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. Proposed Additional Staffing (no change):** Mr. Soriano announced that there were no changes in staffing at this time.
- b. LCAP Report:** Mr. Crook presented the LCAP summary report to the Board. The LCAP Outline is now available in both English and Spanish.
- c. May Financial Report:** Mr. Mays presented the May Financial Report.
- d. Learning Report:** Mr. Mays explained the learning reports, student benchmarks, and student achievements to the Board.

## 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:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

### 6.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*  
Joseph Cipres - *aye*  
Ognen Nastov - *aye*  
Michal Alchikh - *aye*  
Chad Leptich - *aye*  
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

- a. Approval of the Minutes:** *Board Meeting of May 5, 2021*
- b. Expense Reports:** *Approval of this item approves the reimbursement of expenses incurred by employees and/or board members*
- c. Check Register:** *May 2021 Check Register*
- d. Staffing Items:** *None*

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

**a. American Learning Center Contract:** Mr. Soriano presented the renewal contract with the American Learning Center. The American Learning Center provides tutoring and mentoring among other valuable support for students and parents. The vote from the board will be to approve the American Learning Center contract.

**Approval Motion:** Ognen Nastov **Second:** Michal Alchikh **Ayes:** All

### 7.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*  
Joseph Cipres - *aye*  
Ognen Nastov - *aye*  
Michal Alchikh - *aye*  
Chad Leptich - *aye*  
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**b. Curricular Contracts:** Mr. Soriano discussed the renewal of curriculum contracts for BEST Academy along with professional development for the staff utilizing the curriculum. Additionally, Mr. Soriano and Mr. Mays presented new curriculum contracts that would provide a more holistic learning experience for BEST Academy students. This includes social and emotional development educational curriculum.

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

7.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*  
Joseph Cipres - *aye*  
Ognen Nastov - *aye*  
Michal Alchikh - *aye*  
Chad Leptich - *aye*  
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**c. Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement for Participation in the Center for Teaching Innovation Induction Program:** Mr. Soriano explained the Teaching Innovation Induction Program for teachers in partnership with the Riverside County Office of Education. The contract presented discussed costs as well as the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement.

**Approval Motion:** Ognen Nastov **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1c Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*  
Joseph Cipres - *aye*  
Ognen Nastov - *aye*  
Michal Alchikh - *aye*  
Chad Leptich - *aye*  
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**d. Focalpoint Data System and Professional Development Contract** Mr. Soriano discussed the Focalpoint Data System and Professional Development Contract. Focalpoint is a central platform that would house all of BEST Academy's curriculum

and data systems in one point of entry. Focalpoint will provide professional development to BEST Academy's employees.

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

7.1d Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**e. In Person Staff Development Travel Agreement for September, 1-3, 2021:** Mr. Mays discussed the In Person Staff Development Travel Agreement contract for September, 1-3, 2021 that would allow staff to attend an extensive three day professional development training.

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

7.1e Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**f. Creative Back Office Contract:** Mr. Soriano discussed the Creative Back Office Contract. This contract helps with navigating the changes in federal and state funding budgeting and reporting. Mr. Cavanah explained the range of services provided by Creative Back Office to the Board.

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

7.1f Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**g. Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Policy and Administrative Regulation:**

Mr. Soriano presented to the Board the Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Policy and Administrative Regulation.

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

7.1g Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

**8. BOARD COMMENTS**

Mr. Singh expressed his appreciation to Mr. Soriano and Mr. Mays in keeping the Board informed and sharing success stories about the students. Mr. Leptich echoed the sentiment. Mrs. Stanga expressed her appreciation for all the staff navigating the end of the school year while preparing for the next school year.

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS**

Mr. Mays asked Mrs. Colbert to present the total number of new student enrollments for the 2021-22 school year. Mrs. Colbert explained that the current new enrollment number was 85 students. Mr. Mays announced that BEST Academy was considered an A-G course approved school.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

10.1b 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:**

June 9, 2021

- NWEA MAP Benchmark Assessment: June 1- June 11, 2021
- Opening School Year Board Meeting

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 7:18 p.m.