



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS April 7, 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, April 7, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

Directors Absent:

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 April 7, 2021.*

Approval Motion: Edward Singh **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: Daniel Crook

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA): Mr. Crook presented the School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) data overview. SPSA is a single year federal plan in which we support at risk students. B.E.S.T. Academy has identified 3 goals. Goal 1: Literacy Across Content-Data. Goal 2: College and Career Readiness. Goal 3: Student, Parent and Stakeholder Engagement. Drafts for both LCAP and SPSA will be presented at the next board meeting.

b. Summer Extended Learning Plan: Mr. Mays explained the Summer Extended Learning Plan available for currently enrolled students. Resources for this program are derived from the federal government plan to assist schools during the pandemic. High school students can voluntarily take up to two classes that include one core and one elective course. The Extended Learning Opportunity will be available from July 5th through July 30th. A written plan will be presented at the next board meeting. For students 4th through 8th grade, they will receive personalized learning experiences based on needs assessments. These include academic, social, and emotional aspects.

c. Proposed Additional Staffing: Mr. Soriano presented the Staffing Proposal based on current enrollment and funding. If additional funding is available in the future, there would be consideration for expanding staffing further.

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

e. WASC: Update Mr. Crook gave an update on the WASC report. The WASC visiting committee submits their report and B.E.S.T. Academy submits their self study report. On April 26th and 27th the WASC commission committee meets where they vote on the recommendation for accreditation.

f. State CAASPP Testing Option: NWEA or CAASPP Mr. Soriano updates the board on the school-wide CAASPP testing that is a state student assessment. Last year with the pandemic, these tests were not administered. This year B.E.S.T. Academy has the option of taking the CAASPP test or using the NWEA test results at the end of the year. Currently, B.E.S.T. administrators have been having discussions internally as well as with Julian Union Elementary School District Administrator, Brian Duffy, for his feedback.

g. Policy: Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention: Mr. Soriano discussed Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention instruction policy that will be added to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan. This policy will be reviewed in May for board approval.

h. Parent Engagement: Mr. Soriano explained that the English Learner Committee and the School Site Council Committee are working on the Parent Engagement Policy. The

policy was presented in draft form and will be reviewed again in May for the board's approval.

i. Title One: Home / School Compact: Mr. Soriano presented the draft for the Home/School Compact. This report is the school, parent, and student responsibility compact between the three stakeholders. This compact will also be reviewed on the May board meeting for approval.

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*

Michal Alchikh - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

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

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

c. Check Register: *March 2021 Check Register*

d. Staffing Items: *None*

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. 2021-22 School Calendar: Mr. Soriano presented the 2021-22 School Calendar

Approval Motion: Ognen Nastov **Second:** Joseph Cipres **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. Comprehensive School Safety Plan: Comprehensive School Safety Plan was presented in draft form at the March 3, 2021 board meeting. This plan was in place previously, however Mr. Soriano discussed the updates made to the Comprehensive School Safety Plan to make the plan up to date. At this time the plan was brought to the board for approval.

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*

8. BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. Stanga expressed her appreciation to the executive directors and Mr. Cook in gathering information and drafts early for the board. Doing so allows the board plenty of time to review before the board meetings.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS COMMENTS

Mr. Soriano wanted to express his gratitude to Mrs. Stanga for her guidance and direction in preparing the board documents and the flow of the board meeting for optimum efficiency. Additionally, Mr. Soriano announced the hire of a new part-time administrative assistant, Reynalda “Reni” Lopez. She is a resident and graduate of Julian and has been a welcome addition to the staff. Ms. Lopez is bilingual and will be able to assist many of our Spanish speaking families and students at B.E.S.T. Academy. Mr. Mays expressed his gratitude to Mr. Soriano in his organization of the board meetings.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

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 2, 2021

- ELPAC Testing: Present to May 31, 2021
- State Testing begins April 1, 2021

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 6:51 p.m.