



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS June 9, 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 9, 2021, by online Zoom meeting.

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

Directors Absent: Michal Alchikh

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 9, 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. Motion to move the closed session to discuss Employee Evaluations to the end of the meeting allowing other speakers to present first.

Approval Motion: Chad Leptich **Second:** Edward Singh **Ayes:** All

3.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*
Michal Alchikh - *absent*
Chad Leptich - *aye*
Kristine Stanga - *aye*

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: Alex Soriano

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

No members of the public shared any comments.

6. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

a. Proposed Additional Staffing (no change): Mr. Soriano announced that there were no changes in staffing at this time.

b. May Financial Report: The May financial report was presented at the June 2, 2021 meeting.

c. Learning Report: Mr. Soriano announced that there were no changes in learning reports at this time.

7. 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

7.1 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 June 2, 2021*

b. Expense Reports: *None*

c. Check Register: *May 2021 Check Register*

d. Staffing Items: *None*

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Discover of Learning Contract: Mr. Soriano presented the renewal contract with Discover of Learning Contract. The Discover of Learning program is a valuable academic extension that includes STEM activities, tutoring, and mentoring for the students. In addition, the program assists with gathering the students for state assessments. Mr. Mays added that the Discover of Learning program offers and maintains Chromebooks for the students.

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

8.1a Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

b. 2021-2022 BEST Salary Schedule: Mr. Soriano presented the 2021-2022 BEST Salary Schedule to the Board. Mr. Soriano explained the change in salary schedule for teachers based on the cost-of-living adjustment. Additionally, Mr. Soriano described the addition to the salary table with having teachers becoming certified in technology aspects. Certification would improve the experience for the student and the parents. Being Google Certified (step 2) would allow for a \$300 stipend or bonus per teacher. Additional certifications would be available through the San Diego County Office of Education and would allow for additional stipends or bonus options as presented to the Board on the salary table. Mrs. Stanga suggested having specific expectations for the coach level certified teachers in how they would provide professional development to others at BEST Academy.

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

8.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

c. 2021 Local Control and Accountability Plan/LCAP Annual Update: Mr. Crook explained that BEST Academy did not have an LCAP plan in the 2019-20 school year

for comparison to the current LCAP 2020-21 budget. Instead, Mr. Crook detailed the Annual Update for 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan, which replaced the LCAP due to the pandemic. BEST Academy was able to implement the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan because BEST was already a virtual Academy.

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

8.1c Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

d. Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP): Mr. Crook discussed the suggestions from the June 2, 2021, Board Meeting and presented the updated Local Control and Accountability Plan. Mr. Crook reminded the Board that this LCAP Plan is a three-year plan with annual review. Mrs. Stanga added to the discussion as an overview of the LCAP Plan that the goals may not change but the actions to achieve the goals may change. Additionally, Mrs. Stanga detailed the importance of yearly reviews to assist in better achieving the LCAP goals.

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

8.1d Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

e. 2021-2022 Adopted Budget: Mr. Cavanah presented the BEST Academy's 2021-2022 Adopted Budget. BEST is now able to grow in student enrollment due to the Hold Harmless Provision being removed. Mr. Cavanah discussed future growth considerations.

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

8.1e Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

f. 2020-21 EPA Resolution & 2021-22 EPA Resolution: Mr. Cavanah explained the final 2020-21 EPA Resolution budget and a projected tentative resolution for the 2021-22 year.

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

8.1f Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

g. School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA): Mr. Crook explained School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) federal funds. The goals are similar to the LCAP state funded goals. Mr. Crook discussed the lack of previous years data since BEST Academy is a new school with limited data. As BEST progresses, the current year will stand as a baseline for the SPSA.

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

8.1g Roll Call

Edward Singh - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Michal Alchikh - *absent*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Kristine Stanga - *aye*

9. CLOSED SESSION:

a. Employee Evaluations: (Gov. Code section 54957(b)(1).)

Executive Director contracts were extended for the 2021-2022 school year

Compensation for the Executive Directors will be revisited once the budget closes on the 2020-21 school year.

10. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Leptich expressed his appreciation to Mr. Crook and Mr. Cavanah for all their hard work with presentations to the Board.

11. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Both Mr. Mays and Mr. Soriano expressed their appreciation to the Board for their hard work and dedication to BEST Academy.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

12.1b Roll Call

Edward Singh - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Ognen Nastov - aye

Michal Alchikh - absent

Chad Leptich - aye

Kristine Stanga - aye

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

- Virtual Graduation: Friday, June 11 @ 10 am via Zoom
- In Person Professional Development: Sept. 1-3
- Opening School Year Board Meeting

The board meeting of the Board of Directors adjourned at 7:47 p.m.