

New Academy Charter Schools
Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time

Wednesday Sept 23, 2020 at 5:00 PM PDT

Public Comment Notice:

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	Purpose	Presenter
1. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance and Guests		

Directors Present

(All remote attendance): Victor Gil, Brent Bradley, Patricia DiDonato, Martha Arias, & Bea Stotzer.

Guests: (all remote attendance):

Dr. Eric Todd, Principal, NASA
David Martinez, Assistant Principal, NASA
Eddie Castro, NASA
Ana Chavez, Parent Advocate, NASA
Dr. Clara Guerrero, Principal, NACP
Cristina Meyer, NACP
Navelle Molina, NACP

Patricia McBride, NACP
Vanessa Garcia, Parent Advocate, NACP
Dr. Marta Sanchez
Maggie Cervantes, NEW Economics, Advisory Member
Cindy Frantz, edtec,
Jasmine Esparza, edtec

2. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Gil

V. Gil made a motion to call the meeting to order

b. Stotzer seconded the motion

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: P. DiDonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye

3. Public Comment

Discuss

None

4. Consent Calendar

A. Approve Minutes: June 24, 2020, July 22, 2020 and September 2, 2020 Meetings

Vote

P. DiDonato

B. Bradley made a motion to vote to approve all three sets of board minutes.

V. Gil seconded this motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: P. DiDonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye,

The motion carries: Minutes for the 6/24/2020, 7/22/2020 and 9/2/2020 meetings were approved.

B. Finance

1. EdTec Financial Presentation

Cindy Frantz of edtec went over the financials for NEW Academy's FY20 and FY21. See the handout, "NEW ACADEMY Board Financial Update FY 20 UA and FY 21 July-Aug. Financials," for details.

- Both schools came out in a strong position due to the additional COVID state and federal funding received as of the spring 2020 term. Strong cash positions for both schools will help when the revenue deferrals begin in the spring of 2021, which will be paid in the beginning of FY 21.
- Went over the FY budget forecast and the state and federal funding that has been allocated to NEW Academy schools which will help with the learning loss mitigation and to help with COVID mandatory precautionary steps to protect students and staff once and if they return to the classroom.
- CARES Act include several components including ESSER and LLM which each has four different requirements and spending deadlines. The big part of the funds must be spent by 12/31/2020.

- ASES – NACP – ASES Grant carryover remaining is \$46K. LA's Best services were used for FY 19-20 through 12/2019.
- NASA -- 21st Century Grant has a \$84K carryover and has \$20K for kids' coding.
- NACP is in the process of switching the fiscal agent and so will find out what is left from LA's Best. Left over funds must be spent by Dec. 2020.
- Edtec clarified that the CARES Act funding must be spent by 12/31/2020 and the reimbursement is not expected to be received at the same time.
- Options were discussed in case there is cash shortfall.

2. Approve FY20 Unaudited Actuals -Action Item Vote

B. Stotzer made a motion to accept the FY Unaudited Actual financial Statements,
M. Arias seconded the motion

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: P. Didonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye

3. Approve Check Register from July & August 2020 Vote

Clarification was received on an old workman's compensation claim that the office staff is working on to get the proper reimbursement from their insurer. No other questions were raised after review of the check register.

B.Stotzer made a motion to accept the Check register

V. Gill seconded this motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: P. Didonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye

4. COVID Restrictive Funds Update: Information Only

This was addressed above under edtec's report and Discussion Items

5. Approve Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan-Action Item Vote Dr. Guerrero/Dr. Todd

- This report provides how we were to present all of our educational programs to address COVID. It has temporarily replaced the LCAP.
- Report must be approved by the board and sent to the state. It shows all the things that the schools are doing during this time. It includes the attendance record keeping and documentation, connectivity, social and mental issues, school meals and distribution. This was all reviewed at the required public hearing meeting held on 9/2/20.
- The meeting was well attended at the 9/2/2020 public hearing as noted in the meeting minutes and recording. It is also documented through a zoom photograph of attendance.
- We conducted parent surveys on computer use and accessibility but had a problem with the Chromebooks because Beehively did not deliver as contracted. Part of the devices were bought from Staples and part from Office Depot.

- NACP will have 120 more devices by Friday, 9/25/2020, and next week to ensure that all families have their devices along with hot spots for connectivity.

B. Bradley made a motion to approve the continuity and learning plan as provided.

Martha Arias seconded this motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: P. Didonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye

6. NACP Facilities Painting Bids- Information Only

Marta Sanchez

NACP facilities need to get repainted and it makes sense to do it now since the schools are empty. It will take about 6 weeks to complete the painting. If not done now, it will have to wait until next summer.

NACP is in the process of getting at least 3 bids and will be presented at the next board meeting for consideration.

7. Technology Services-Information Only

Bea Stotzer

- BeeHively was contracted to provide Chromebooks and IT services. They are asking to contract for additional services.
- They did not deliver on the Chromebooks, which had to be outsourced from two other vendors. They were to provide IT services include providing any software updates to computers, which has not occurred, even though they continue to be paid per the contract.
- The schools are looking at other vendors who are able to service their IT needs and will try to bundle services to cover both schools and NEW Economics.
- The schools are also looking at assessing their IT needs and in developing a Technological plan that will help to provide data protection, IT servicing, and securing needed equipment and connectivity. The plan should consider current and future IT needs.
- Currently, the schools have their own back up servers to store academic, attendance, and other information. The IT assessment will include a review to ensure that the processes and procedures can securely maintain this critical information.
- It is recommended to add this item to the next board meeting (October) agenda.

C. Academic Excellence – Information Only

- a. School Site Administrator Reports
(written reports provided)

Discuss Dr. Guerrero/Dr Todd

NASA – Dr. Eric Todd discussed the following:

- Student enrollment activity, which stands a 423.
- They continue to work with NACP on a COVID taskforce to ensure they address all of the needs for the schools, teachers, parents, classified staff, and students.

- The teacher's professional development will include how to optimize remote learning, and how to administer MAP testing.
- Attendance policy is in place which includes interaction with both students and parents.
- Benchmark testing will be done at mid and end of the school year.
- ELAC – English language advisory committee will be in place. The ELD Newsletter will continue.
- Coffee with the principal – will continue
- The school administration continues to partner with NEW who meets weekly with leadership from both schools to strengthen the communication and expectations to support the families that we serve. This includes ASES and the 21st century handled by NEW.
- School is addressing stresses felt by staff, families and students and ways to mitigate this.
- Address technological needs and providing devices and connectivity to allow the remote learning. Working with learning centers to assist in the support of remote learning.
- Teachers are providing their own home space and internet. Will provide teachers with a stipend to help cover cost of internet.

NACP - Dr. Clara Guerrero discussed the following:

- Students enrollment stands at 428, this includes TK students who will turn 5 after 12/2/2020.
- Number of teaching minutes that students have to be online learning or completing assignments.
- Discussed connectivity issues with students. The school is working to ensure this occurs and provides support to the parents by providing instructional assistance.
- The reading specialist will conduct testing.
- Project to Inspire for parents will continue through CAFE.
- Continue to update website. Parents have shared pictures of students during remote learning.
- Principal developed a weekly newsletter for parents and is placed on the webpage. This includes links to all of the school newsletters. It includes updates on the technology, art, and meals and other important information.
- Artist in the classroom will continue to provide a strong art program. One rent activity was to provide students recorders (musical instrument) and will learn dance.

D. Governance: Board Member Nominations and Elections-Action Item Vote Victor Gil

Board members were nominated to serve for another term of three years. Current members unanimously offered to remain in their current board roles. This term will conclude at the end of the academic year 2023-2024. The Board will continue to seek out new board members in the areas of expertise in law and education.

Maggie Cervantes and Ron Solórzano will continue to serve on the Advisory Board.

B. Stotzer moved that board members Victor Gil, Brent Bradley, Pat DiDonato, Martha Arias, and Bea Stotzer be renewed for another three-year term.

P. DiDonato seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call: P. Didonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye

E. Closing Items

Items for next board meeting:

Grant Writing to be covered in the next board meeting.

Technology matters for both schools.

NACP Facility Painting bids update.

F. Adjourn Meeting

Vote Victor Gil

B. Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

B. Stotzer seconded it.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion to adjourn at 6:41p.m.PST

Roll Call: P. Didonato Aye, V. Gil Aye, M. Arias Aye, B. Bradley Aye, B. Stotzer Aye