

MINUTES OF

COMMUNITY STRATEGIES, INC. EPIC BLENDED CHARTER SCHOOL – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

4101 NW 122ND STREET, SUITE B
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73120

AGENDA

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

1. Call to order and roll call – 6:45 p.m. (*start time 7:00 p.m.*)

Present: Doug Scott

Mike Cantrell

Adam Reynolds

Betsy Brown

Others in

Attendance: Bart Banfield, Supt.

Josh Brock

Bill Hickman, Board attorney

Ben Harris

Absent: Liberty Mitchell

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Introductions

Ben Harris asked to do the introduction: Jennifer Patton, teacher at Epic who is attending the meeting as a requirement for her Master's degree, and who is the teacher who was raided. He extended a sincere apology for what she had to go through, and told her she has the school's support.

Josh Brock, CFO and Bill Hickman, Board Attorney, also present at the table.

Consent Docket (Action)

The following items concern reports and items of a routine nature normally approved at Board meetings. They will be considered and voted on together as a group with one vote; provided that any Board member may ask that one or more items be considered and voted on separately. The Consent Agenda includes discussion, consideration, and possible action upon the following items:

4. Minutes of the August 21, 2019, Board meeting.

Purchasing and General Business

5. Discussion and possible action to approve Estimate of Needs for FY 2020.
Brock - this document is based on the auditor's report. Last year we budgeted \$40 million, this year the school supplemented to get to \$50 million due to the increase in students. This will be provided to the State Department of Education & Oklahoma County.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution to execute the Third Amended Agreement establishing the Oklahoma School Assurance Group.
Brock - this document is requested by our workers compensation carrier, OSAG. It is a standard document that they request.
Hickman - reiterated that this has been signed by the Board in the past.
7. Discussion and possible action to approve Temporary Space Agreement with TR Office Park.
Supt. - This is additional space to serve students while the remodel of the Tulsa Blended Learning Center located in the Woodward Building is finishing up. Instead of this being a separate contract from the One on One school, they do a single contract and allocate funds based on the percentage of Blended students that use this facility.
8. Discussion and possible action to approve Oklahoma State Department Child Nutrition Programs Certificate of Authority/Authorized User Form.
Brock - this item approves the Supt. to execute this form in order to serve students meals (between 600-650 per day). This form is how the school gets reimbursed from the government. Cantrell asked if this was any different from a traditional public school, and Brock stated it was no different.
9. Discussion and possible action to accept Bart Banfield as the Superintendent of Epic Blended Charter School.
Hickman - it is not required that the Board vote to approve the Superintendent, but the school wanted to be as transparent as possible.
Banfield gave his background: 16 years as a teacher and coach, worked over a decade at Stidham Public Schools as principal and Supt. (first became a Supt. at age 27). He has been with Epic since its third year, and has been Supt. of Instruction for the previous 5 years.

Board Member Cantrell moved to approve the Consent Docket. Board Member Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Consent Docket passed unanimously.

10. Superintendent's Update

The school is starting a process to qualify for an alternative education site code, and 17 criteria will have to be met. Epic accepts all students, and for some enrolled at Epic, it is a school of last resort because they were bullied, or failing school, pregnant, etc., and these students are at-risk and need additional assistance that can be met if the school is able to get this alt. ed. site code. This will also be a separate A-F Report Card.

11. Board Member Comments

Cantrell asked for more clarification as to what the alternative education site code would do for the students. Hickman state that since Epic has quite a few at-risk/high-risk students, this site code will allow Epic to provide better support and a different framework for these students to work within, including trauma related education.

Executive Session

12. Motion to enter into executive session as provided for in 25 O.S. 307(4) to have confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning legal claims filed as CJ-2019-4841 and CJ-2019-4842 in Oklahoma County, and that with the advice of its attorney, it is determined that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claims or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest.

- a. **(Action)** Vote to convene into Executive Session.
7:17 p.m. Board Member Brown moved to convene. Board Member Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. **(Action)** Vote to return to Open Session.
8:03 p.m. Board Member Cantrell moved to return. Board Member Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- c. Reading of the Executive Session Minute.
Board Chair Scott reported that Bill Hickman was present at the Executive Session.
- d. **(Action)** Possible action on items considered in Executive Session.
No action was taken during Executive Session.


13. Public Comments

- a. All meetings of the Board of Education shall be open to the public, and any regular meeting shall include an opportunity for the public to address the Board. Presentations under “Public Comments” are limited to three (3) minutes. Where several people wish to address the same subject, a spokesperson must be selected. The Board Chairman may interrupt and terminate any presentation that is not in accordance with any of these criteria. Board members may not respond to speakers’ comments. Matters that are subject to any legal action or investigation are not proper topics of public comment and are not authorized.

None.

14. Adjournment

8:04 p.m. Board Member Cantrell moved to approve adjourn the meeting. Board Member Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.



Board Chairman Doug Scott



Secretary ~~Betsy Brown~~ ADAM REYNOLDS