

MINUTES OF

COMMUNITY STRATEGIES, INC. EPIC ONE ON ONE 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 – 6:30 p.m. (*start time 6:37 p.m.*)

Present: **Doug Scott**
 Mike Cantrell
 Adam Reynolds
 Betsy Brown

Absent: **Liberty Mitchell**

Others in
Attendance: **Bart Banfield, Supt.**
 Josh Brock
 Bill Hickman, Board attorney
 Ben Harris

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
3. Introductions

Ben Harris asked to do introductions: Dr. Becky Wilkinson of Epic’s authorizer, the Statewide Virtual Charter School Board (SVCSB); and Jennifer Patton, teacher at Epic who is attending the meeting as a requirement for her Master’s degree. 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 revenue was 60 million, this year the school supplemented to increase to 100 million in revenue due to the increase in students. This will be provided to the State Department of Education & SVCSB.
6. Discussion and possible action to approve Resolution to execute the Third Amended Agreement establishing the Oklahoma School Assurance Group.
Brock - this is a standard resolution that our workers compensation carrier requires. You will recall that we switched to OSAG for workers compensation.
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. - The temporary space is needed while the Woodward building and Blended Learning Center in Tulsa is under construction. We are in the process of adding a cafeteria in the Woodward building that will allow us to serve BLC students a warm breakfast and lunch. The additional space is located in close proximity to the Woodward building. We are hoping to have the remodel to the Woodward building completed this spring.
8. Discussion and possible action to accept Bart Banfield as the Superintendent of Epic One on One 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 Assistant 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.

9. Superintendent's Update

Supt. Banfield wanted to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Wilkinson for being at the meeting. He has met with Dr. Wilkinson, and wants the Board to know that the SVCSB are true charter advocates and working on behalf of all virtual schools in Oklahoma.

10. Board Member Comments

Cantrell wanted to know if the school has seen any backlash from the negative media coverage. Banfield responded by stating that ironically it has brought the teachers, students and families together, even more than they were before. There have been a few teachers scared away, but for the most part the “Epic family” has been able to see through the negative media and stay strong. The school is at approximately 28,000 students right now, which is a 30+% growth rate.

Hickman - stated that when you look at the growth trends of the school since inception, you can see a small, negative impact that is not evident when you just look at the numbers.


11. 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.

12. Adjournment

7:00 p.m. Board Member Reynolds moved to approve adjourn the meeting. Board Member Cantrell seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn the meeting passed unanimously.



Board Chairman Doug Scott



Secretary ~~Betsy Brown~~ ADAM REYNOLDS