

Monday May 20 Board Meeting

Welcome: Brigitte VanBaelen welcomed the group and called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm

Board members present: Brigitte VanBaelen, Lauren Tignor, Sarah Adams, Mike Lynch, Robert Morris, Frank Peluso, Tom Gillespie, Rob Weisel, Marie Gooding, and Trey Thompson. Non-voting members present: Peter Ulrich, EdTec, Staff and faculty, Laura Solomon, Allie Beck, Ms. Allison. Absent Members: Cora Thompson, Latoya Brennan, Lee Perry, Ron Bossick.

Motion into general session: Robert Morris, Sarah Adams, second, all in favor

Motion into executive session: Sarah Adams, Marie Gooding, second, all in favor

Motion to adjourn executive session: Robert Morris, Sarah Adams, second, all in favor

Financial Report: EdTec

● March and April Financials

Financial Report: EdTec (Peter)- March/April update

Previous Month vs. Current: No significant changes as fiscal year winds down

- Changes in personnel, field trips

State Budget fiscal updates:

- \$2,500 increase in base salary teacher
- No facilities grant state, but 100k for local charters
- \$108M for school safety
- Process begins in late winter/early spring w budget approval by June 30
- QBE funding- number of students, type of instruction, grade levels
- Defined annual rates for each program
- Additional support grants
- QBE Funding- Local District Revenue+ 5mills reduction = total allotment

FY 25 budget summary:

Total revenue

- 2023-2024: 6,461,121 2024-2025 projected: 6,573,488

Motion to approve March, April Financials, Tom Gillespie, Marie Gooding, second, all in favor

Motion to ratify hiring of Amy Marona (2nd grade) and Richard Powell (custodian), Mike Lynch, Rob Weisel, second, all in favor

Motion to approve charter renewal application, Robert Morris, Mike Lynch, second, all in favor

School Leader Report: (Peter Ulrich, Principal Administrator)

Goal 1 Update: Shepherd empowered learners:

- GMAS testing complete
 - 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 8th grade-ELA pass rates all above 90 percent

LIR Impact: Katie Holiday, Leader in Residence

- Project based learning/positive culture of communication between students
- Worked with school counselor
- Upstanders program- middle school students
- Tybee Kind Week
- Goals-increased membership ,events, retreat

Goal 2 Update: elevate teaching profession:

- Hiring update-looking for someone with high school experience for middle school students
- Teacher appreciation week
- Teacher of the year- Ms. Jedinak
- Charter Renewal Survey
 - Teachers responded positively- 81.3 percent very satisfied, 15.6% satisfied

LIR impact:

- Teacher Keys Effectiveness system credentialing
- observations of teachers
- Met w teachers to review and provide support through individualized professional development goals

Supplemental Math Support Rationale (Allie Beck)

Updates to Math standards/2023-2024 Transition Year

- Mathematical Modeling-real world connections
- Critical thinking and statistical reasoning incorporated through standards
- Input and support from families

Shifting Instructional Culture

- Eliminate requirements for timed tests and memorizing math facts (the why behind the math)
- Assessments more rubric based
- Emphasize multiple visual representations
- Open ended, extended, multiday lessons
- Emphasis on collaboration
- Emphasize slow, deep thinking, not speed
- Emphasize approximate answers

Would be a 200 day employee, designated time in schedule to work in classrooms

Goal 3 update:

- Facilities
- Replication
- Brightspace- paid for out of replication grant, going back to google classroom
- Charter renewal ongoing

Expenditure request

Personnel:

- \$2500 per teacher and COLA increase
- Supplemental Math Support \$10,000
- Remediation \$50,000

Technology

- \$47,500 for SY2025

LIR Impact

- Attend weekly executive team meetings
- Attended Georgia Charter Schools Day

Goal 4 update: community connections through communication/relationship building

- National Charter Schools Week
- Smaller Footprint-Goal to be NOAA ocean Guardian School

Development:

- Up on fundraising, 2023-\$103,864.38 2024-\$110,891.84
- down on grants, 2023- \$343,470.38 2023-\$279,609.84

LIR Impact

- Ships of Sea partnership: Worked collaboratively to design field trips, hosted spring art show
- City of Tybee: Adopt an area program
- Tybee MLK Organization

Goal 5 Update Strengthen engagement of students/families

- VISTA hours- 73 hours logged, 10th in the district for volunteer involvement
- Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Athletics Banquet

LIR Impact

- DEI Faculty Committee
- Framework around how to respond to inappropriate language
- Sustainability committee
- 3 day workshop at Mediation Center on peer mediation and restorative conferencing programs

Volunteers of the year- Mrs. Wall, Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Sewell

Reminder: Board Calendar

- June 13: Zoom first budget meeting
- June 24: Regular Board Meeting and 2nd budget reading

- No board meeting in July

Public Comment: None

Motion to adjourn Robert Morris, Second, Frank Peluso, All in favor