

**CORPORATION FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS  
SPECIAL VIRTUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
July 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m.**

**I. Call to Order**

Robin Henderson, presiding: Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Members present: Lori Stokes, Marlyn Bridgman, Gary Leonard, Robin Henderson, Kay Smith, Tim Allen

Staff: Carroll Reed, Dr. Tom Miller, Jennifer Collins, Lori Tryon

Ms. Henderson welcomed the participants and opened the meeting. A Quorum was established. The Agenda was amended and then approved: (MOTION: Tim Allen, Seconded: Kay Smith) Vote: Approved by unanimous consent. Amendment was to add an item for a closed session at the end of the meeting.

**II. Presentation of Remote Learning Plan**

Dr Miller began the presentation of the remote learning plan that is required to be sent to the state by July 20, 2020. He noted that this plan would most likely change as requirements changed, but as of today, this is where we are. Primary points of the discussion:

- SWA is not prepared to safely have students on campus at this time.
- The team is working diligently on a hybrid plan to present to teachers, parents and the Board.
- High likelihood the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter (estimated 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks of the year) will be held remotely.
- Mr. Leonard asked question about teachers needing to teach both in-person and online at the same time. Mr. Leonard also asked about any backlash received about going to a plan B/hybrid.
- Ms. Smith asked to acknowledge that in a survey to parents, the majority of parents stated they wanted in-person instruction for their children. Dr Miller followed up on that saying 65% of parent responses want their children to have some form of in-person instruction.
- Dr Miller stated he was looking into scheduling an open meeting for parents to ask questions prior to August 1, 2020.
- Dr Miller discussed how attendance would be taken during remote learning days and the communication that would take place if a student is consistently absent.

A Motion was requested to approve the Remote Learning Plan to submit to the State. The Remote Plan was approved. (MOTION: Tim Allen, Seconded: Lori Stokes) Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

**III. School Calendar 2020-2021**

The recommended school calendar for the 2020-2021 academic year was presented with a first day of school start to of August 19, 2020; the calendar includes the five required remote learning days.

A Motion was requested to approve the 2020-2021 Academic Year Calendar. The calendar was approved. (MOTION: Kay Smith, Seconded: Tim Allen) Vote: Approved by unanimous consent.

A question then came up to clarify the first 9 weeks of school would be handled remotely. Dr Miller's recommendation is to always have a remote option, but we are working hard to get students back on campus.

#### **IV. Next Board Meeting**

Ms. Henderson stated the next Board meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 21, 2020.

#### **V. Board Closed/Executive Session**

Motion made to go into closed session to discuss attorney client advice and personnel matters at 7:38 pm.

MOTION: Gary Leonard, Seconded: Tim Allen

Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

Motion made to begin closed session at 7:43 pm.

MOTION: Lori Stokes, Seconded: Gary Leonard

Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

Motion made to leave closed session at 9:01 pm.

MOTION: Tim Allen, Seconded: Kay Smith

Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

Closed Session Ended and a return to the open session meeting took place.

#### **VI. Action Items**

Motion made to begin open session at 9:03 pm

MOTION: Tim Allen, Seconded: Marlyn Bridgman

Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

#### **VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion made to adjourn.

MOTION: Marlyn Bridgman Seconded: Tim Allen

Vote: Approved by unanimous consent

Robin Henderson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

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**Robin Henderson, President**

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**DATE**