



4/23/19

ReNEW Board Meeting -- Minutes

I. Opening Items

Stephen Rosenthal called meeting to order at 5:39 PM.

Board members present: S. Rosenthal, B. Weimer, N. Hardie, R. Kennedy, M. Landry, CJ El-Dahr, R. Roig, K. Conklin, K. Edmundson, M. Clem

Board members not present: S. Castellanos, P. Parquet, L. Sherman

Guests present: Elizabeth Ostberg, Scott Satchfield, Tanya Bryant, Emily Perhamus, Nyesha Veal, Kael Saloy, Heather Emmert, Wilborn Nobles

II. Approve Minutes

R. Roig moved to approve 2/21/19 meeting minutes. N. Hardie seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. Transfer of ReNEW Accelerated High School (RAHS) to Educators for Quality Alternatives (EQA) for the 2020-21 School Year. Presentation by Elizabeth Ostberg, CEO of EQA and Emily Perhamus, School Director of RAHS

S. Rosenthal explained the pending motion to transfer RAHS to EQA for the 2020-2021 school year. Rosenthal shared information about EQA -- specifically that the organization has a specialized focus on alternative schools. T. Bryant explained that this proposed transfer will directly benefit RAHS students due to that specialized focus and expertise. Emily Perhamus, RAHS Director, shared information about the current partnership between RAHS and EQA, and the positives gained from the collaboration. She stated that this is a proactive measure that will benefit students. Elizabeth Ostberg, founder and CEO of EQA, provided insight into the organization's philosophy of educating students in the alternative school space.

B. Weimer moved to approve the resolution. N. Hardie seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

IV. Finance Committee Report

A. 2018-2019 Financial Projections

CJ El-Dahr stated that the organization is moving in the right direction in terms of financial projections. He also stated that conservative projections proved to be beneficial.

B. 2019-2020 Budget Approval Calendar

C. Resolution - Adding Kael Saloy to approve payroll wires from Gulf Coast Bank

B. Weimer moved to change Kael Saloy's title from Chief Financial Officer to Financial Controller in the motion. S. Rosenthal moved to approve the measure. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Resolution - Remove John Marshall, add C.J. El-Dahr as signatories on Gulf Coast Bank

S. Rosenthal moved to approve the motion. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Governance Committee Report

- A. Review of committee assignments
- B. Committee goals and meeting schedules
- C. Posting of parental concerns committee contact on website

VI. CEO Report

T. Bryant informed the board and guests that ReNEW is focused on preparing for LEAP testing, which begins later this week and continues next week. She stated that the last day of school is set for May 22. Bryant highlighted to the network's focus on strategic priorities as staff members prepare for the 2019-2020 school year. Bryant discussed a focus on culture at each campus. The network will hold a retreat for school leaders to further solidify these efforts.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Closing Items

With no further business to discuss, N. Hardie moved to adjourn. K. Edmundson seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.