



ReNEW Board Meeting - August 6, 2020 - Meeting Minutes

I. Opening Items

Stephen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.

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

Board members not present: N. Hardie, M. Clem, S. Castellanos

Guests present: Scott Satchfield, Tanya Bryant, Tammy Robicheuax, Kael Saloy, Lisa Giarratano

II. Approve Minutes

K. Edmundson moved to approve 5/14/2020 meeting minutes. B. Weimer seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

III. Public Comment Period

No public comments

IV. Approve and adopt ReNEW Interim COVID-19 Policy

T. Bryant explained the interim policy has been emailed to all ReNEW staff members. The policy is designed to keep staff members safe during the COVID-19 situation. K. Conklin moved to approve the motion. R. Kennedy seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Adoption of 2020-2021 Pupil Progression Plan

S. Rosenthal moved to approve the Pupil Progression Plan. B. Weimer seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the plan.

VI. 2020-2021 Budget Adoption

CJ El-Dahr explained the network is facing a projected budget deficit this year. He said there are many variables.

K. Saloy said the finance committee anticipates an improvement in the situation, due to PPP forgiveness. He said the network did experience cost savings due to the school closures at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Saloy said the finance committee began to brainstorm ways to improve the network's finances as the COVID-19 situation began impacting the economy.

K. Conklin moved to approve the budget. R. Kennedy seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve the budget.

VII. CEO Report

T. Bryant explained shared information about NOLA Public Schools' decision to have students participate in virtual learning only for the beginning of the school year due to COVID-19. Bryant explained that the network purchased technology components to assist students in their distance learning.

L. Giarratano shared details about the distance learning plan, especially regarding students' schedules.

T. Bryant noted that teachers will be going through live lessons with their students. She also said the network is stressing to parents that this virtual learning is school and attendance is important. Grades will be assigned for lessons.

VIII. Executive Session to discuss performance and compensation of CEO

A. Motion to begin Executive Session

B. Weimer motioned. R. Kennedy seconded. Members voted unanimously to pass the motion.

IX. Resolution on CEO salary

Board members considered a motion to increase the CEO's salary by 2 percent.

B. Weimer motioned. R. Kennedy seconded. Members voted unanimously to pass the motion.

X. Motion to Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, B. Weimer moved to adjourn. K. Edmundson seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.