Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc.

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough
Channelside Academy of Math and Science
Bell Creek Academy
Bell Creek Academy High School
Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science
Independence Academy
Orange County Preparatory Academy
Riverview Academy of Math and Science
Sunlake Academy of Math and Science
Valrico Lake Advantage Academy
Governing Board Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2020

Present at Meeting

Patricia Rogers Dr. Judith Moore

Detria Elsner Brittany Deen

Charles Harris Cristina Fuentes

Keith Miller Tori Davis

Jack Burkett Shawn Moore

Marcy Ringdahl Lauren Denson

Melissa Dailey Leslie Bennett

Anna Greenwood Katie Gray

Melody Gomez Tiffani Richmond

Laura Harris Michael Strader

Lauren Herbert Brian Strader

Chentella Graham Jill Balthazar

Dr. Margaret Fahringer

A. Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m. by Mr. Harris.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting and to approve or amend as needed. Mr. Harris motioned to approve the September 3 special board meeting minutes and May 20, 2020 board meeting minutes. Mrs. Elsner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

B. There were no public comments.

C. Annual Meeting and Election of Corporate Officers

ANNUAL MEETING - Mrs. Rogers called the annual corporation meeting to order and asked for the election of officers. Ms. Elsner nominated Patricia Rogers for the position of President/Chairman and Mr. Harris seconded the nomination. Mrs. Rogers nominated Mr. Harris for the position of Vice President/Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Elsner seconded. Mr. Harris nominated Jennifer Dean for Secretary and Ms. Elsner for Treasurer. Ms. Rogers seconded. All motions were passed unanimously.

D. Principal Reports

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough – Mr. Miller reported enrollment at 462. Mr. Miller said 68 percent of students returned to the school building and teachers are making it work during this challenging time.

<u>Valrico Academy</u> – Ms. Herbert reported enrollment at 888. Ms. Herbert said teachers started to collaborate and support each other and they have a traveling coffee cart. The virtual meet and greet was a success and upcoming events include the virtual awards.

<u>Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science</u> – Ms. Deen reported the school is at full enrollment. They are getting back to normal and thinking of creative ideas for trunk or treat drive by and decorating their cars.

<u>Riverview Academy of Math and Science</u> – Mrs. Ringdahl reported enrollment at 772. Currently, there are two open positions. The theme this year is shoot for the moon. The students are working on climate and culture. Ms. Herbert said they are planning teacher of the month and will have fun awards this year to get everyone involved.

<u>Sunlake Academy of Math and Science</u> – Dr. Moore reported the school is near full enrollment. Dr. Moore said they are planning Kindergarten virtual bingo tonight on zoom and Friday they are kicking off a virtual dance party fundraiser.

<u>Channelside Academy of Math and Science/Middle School</u> – Ms. Fuentes reported enrollment at 492. Currently 40% of students are in the building. Upcoming events include the virtual book fair. The theme this year is the ocean.

<u>Orange County Preparatory Academy</u> – Ms. Graham reported enrollment at 270. Ms. Graham said most parents left the state due to financial reasons. Ms. Graham noted the theme this year is seize the day.

<u>Independence Academy</u> – Mr. Burkett reported the school theme this year is travel. Mr. Burkett said teachers and staff have done an amazing job to have kids engaged. The school will celebrate Hispanic Heritage month and student of the month virtually.

Bell Creek Academy – Dr. Fahringer reported enrollment at 520. Dr. Fahringer said they need a few more teachers and are working on a wait list. Dr. Fahringer noted they want to give seniors a chance to dress up and host a homecoming movie night so they will bring chairs outside and practice social distancing.

Tiffani Richmond visited the schools and said all the teachers are very supportive.

E. <u>Information Items</u>

- 1. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that financial reports go out monthly (April, May, June FY 20). Any questions regarding financials may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced. The financial reports will need to be ratified at each board meeting moving forward in order to stay in compliance with the district.
- 2. Mr. Strader presented and discussed Title 1 budgets for OCPA and AAH.
- 3. Mr. Strader discussed Title IV OCPA Letter of Intent.
- 4. Mr. Strader presented and discussed FY21 Budgets.
- 5. Mr. Strader discussed the 2020-2021 Mental Health Plan for AAH Inc. and OCPA
- 6. Tiffani Richmond worked with Ken Green to bring all of the schools under AAH as Cambridge schools including OCPA.
- 7. Mr. Strader reported on the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation, History and Summary, HB 641, Florida Statute(s). The state set aside money to increase base salaries. A teacher salary allocation plan was discussed including the impact to base salaries.
- 8. Mr. Strader discussed the AAH Threat Assessment letter and indicated the plan met statutory requirements.
- 9. Mr. Strader discussed the OCPA Threat Assessment letter and indicated the plan met statutory requirements.
- 10. Mr. Strader discussed the FY21 Capital Outlay Plans.
- 11. Mr. Strader presented the 2020-2021 Mental Health Plan as revised to the board and informed the board that the plans had been reviewed and approved as to compliance by FDOE.
- 12. Mr. Strader discussed the Raptor Screening Tool Agreement at the schools and the use of Raptor as a visitor/volunteer screening and background check program.
- 13. Employee and parent/student handbooks (2020-2021) were distributed to the board and discussed. The board will move the item to the consent agenda.
- 14. The board meeting schedule was in the board packet and published on the school website. The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2020.
- 15. Mr. Strader presented the teacher waivers labeled as Exhibit A in the board folders.

F. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of Purchase Orders and Agreements
- 2. Ratify and approve Monthly Financial Reports April, May, June FY 20
- 3. Approve FY 21 Title I Budget(s) AAH and OCPA
- 4. Approve FY 21 Title IV LOI OCPA, Letter of Intent
- 5. Approve FY21 Final Budgets

- 6. Ratify approval of 2020-2021 Mental Health Plan(s)
- 7. Ratify Cambridge Agreement AAH
- 8. Approve 2020-2021 Threat Assessment Letters AAH and OCPA
- 9. Approve FY 21 Teacher Salary Allocation HB 641
- 10. Approve Board Liaisons 2020-2021
- 11. Approve Personnel Items Certification Waivers Exhibit A
- 12. Approve 2020-2021 Board Meeting Schedule
- 13. Approve Raptor Screening Tool Agreement for school volunteers
- 14. Approve 2020-2021 Handbooks
 - a. Employee
 - b. Parent/Student

Mrs. Rogers asked for a motion to approve items 1-14 on consent agenda. Ms. Elsner moved to approve items 1-14 and Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

G. Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion

none

H. Board Member Reports

Mrs. Elsner thanked the Principals for everything they are doing, and Mr. Harris said he enjoyed hearing about the school activities.

I. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Patricia Rogus

Approved by Board Chair

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