

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

Nov 19, 2020

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Marty Weilgos
Steve Grimm (Teacher Board Member)

School Representatives

Dennis Small (Business Manager)
Johnathon Lozano (PNW Extern)

In Attendance Virtually (Zoom):

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Dave Ryan
Owana Miller
Anne Herbert
Janet Venecz
Africa Tarver
Heather Garay
Lori Lambert (Parent Board Member)
Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)
Julia Morales (Student Board Member)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)
Mira Projovic (Minutes Secretary)
Carrie Hutton (CCSJ Representative)

Not in Attendance:

Monica Rubio

Board meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve October 2020 meeting minutes* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Owana Miller. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve October Financial Reports* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Owana Miller. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve Acceptance of Auditors Report* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve closure of the school building until January 3rd* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Lori Lambert. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve continuation of virtual learning for 3rd quarter*—Lori Lambert motioned; seconded by Owana Miller. All in favor motion approved 12-0.

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- *Motion to adjourn* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor approved 12-0.

New Correspondence

- No correspondence

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Committee met last week with auditors to finalize the audit process. Overall, it was a clean audit & the process is now complete. A few repeated items of concern came up & Dennis Small is working with the agency to put procedures in place moving forward.
- **Personnel Committee-** Janet Venecz introduced Steve Grimm, 8th grade science teacher, as the new Teacher Board Member replacing Mira Projovic who will resume her job as minutes secretary.
- **Fundraising-** Committee on hold until further notice.

Discussion Notes

- New Teacher Board Member Steve Grimm was welcomed to the Board as a new board member.
- Due to the recent spikes in Covid cases in the region, Dr. Egan proposed closing the building to all students & staff for the remainder of this semester. Steve Grimm asked if interested staff could still work out of their classrooms. Dr. Egan said the building will be open for deep cleaning & staff wishing to work out of their classrooms would have to abide by all quarantine rules & personally isolate while in the building. Marty Weilgos asked if there was any way interested students could also continue coming to the building. Egan replied no because he's hoping HAST students & families follow quarantine guidelines during the break to keep infection numbers low. Julia Morales said some students felt teachers were more productive when working out of their classrooms versus from their homes. Heather Garay asked if there was any additional technology teachers or students would need to be more successful while working from home. Dr. Egan replied that currently, all have individual devices & nothing additional was needed right now.
- Steve Grimm inquired on completed staff contracts. Johnathan Lozano said they were ready & he will notify staff. Dr. Egan asked if the contracts were available through the staff online employment portals established this semester. Johnathan said currently no, but could possibly be available in the future.
- There will be no December board meeting.
- Dr. Egan reported the school received a \$20,000 teacher appreciation grant from the IDOE.
- In lieu of the Covid pandemic, Kris Sakelaris will not be hosting the annual staff holiday party. She is hoping to have a gathering in the spring, if conditions improve.
- Dr. Egan is hopeful 4th quarter can resume to normal with students & teachers coming back to learning on campus. He said the school has purchased tables & chairs for the upstairs balconies while also extending wifi capabilities for students & teachers wishing to work in these areas.
- Dr. Carrie Hutton from CCSJ thanked the board for allowing her to attend the meeting. She said HAST has been doing a great job this year & she is looking forward to her yearly review with Dr. Egan.

Board Financial Inquiries

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New Business

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Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 5:09 p.m.