

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

April 21, 2022

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Heather Garay
Steve Grimm (Teacher Board Member)
Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)
Nicole Bazan (Parent Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Debbie Czmieł (Business Manager)
Mira Projovic (Minutes Secretary)

In Attendance Virtually:

Board Members:

Janet Venecz
Anne Herbert

Not in Attendance:

Monica Rubio
Dave Ryan
Owana Miller
Marty Weilgos
Africa Tarver
Jessica Moreno (Student Board Member)
Joseph Guardiola (Human Resources Specialist)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve March 2022 meeting minutes* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve March 2022 Financial Reports* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to accept the audit results as presented by Donovan*— Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0
- *Motion to approve the Student Fees & Accounts Receivables/Bad Debt Policy as amended*— Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Jackie Perez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to authorize Kris Sakelaris to execute an engagement agreement with Donovan CPAs to audit the school year ending June 2022*— Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Steve Grimm. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to adjourn* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Steve Grimm. All in favor approved 7-0.

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New Correspondence

- None

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Committee met & Heather Garay shared their report:
 - Met with Hammond City Controller Megan Flores & Deputy Controller Tinisha Greenwell to introduce them to Dr. Egan & Business Manager Debbie Czmiel & gave them a tour of HAST.
 - FC will introduce our recommended Student Fees & Accounts Receivables policy for board approval.
 - FC met with Donovan CPAs to review the results of the audit of the school year ending June 30, 2021. FC will recommend the board approve the results & comments of the audit.
 - FC will recommend the board authorize Kris to execute an engagement agreement with Donovan CPAs to conduct the audit for the school year ending June 30, 2022.
- **Personnel Committee-** Administration reviews were sent out to all teachers. They are due back to Mr. Grimm by April 29th. Dr. Egan's evaluation survey results have been received & his evaluation will be scheduled soon.
- **Fundraising Committee-** Committee on hold until further notice.
- **COVID Task Force Committee-** Committee did not meet.

Discussion Notes

- The June Board Meeting was moved from June 16th to June 9th.
- Parent board members Jackie Perez & Nicole Bazan would like to send a letter to parents introducing themselves as the parent representation on the board & if there are any relevant issues parents would like them to introduce to the board.

Board Financial Inquiries

New Business

Public Comment

- Leslie Otero, parent & HAST employee, spoke about the importance of finding transportation for kids in sports, particularly getting to & from events. She would also like to see an assistant hired to help Athletic Director Lisa Sarwacinski.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.