

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

June 9, 2022

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Marty Weilgos
Africa Tarver
Jackie Perez (Parent Board Member)
Nicole Bazan (Parent Board Member)
Steve Grimm (Teacher Board Member)
Heather Garay

In Attendance via Zoom:

Owana Miller
Monica Rubio

School Representatives

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

Not in Attendance:

Janet Venecz
Anne Herbert
Dave Ryan
Jessica Moreno (Student Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)
Joseph Guardiola (Human Resources Manager)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve May 2022 Meeting Minutes* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Nicole Bazan. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve contract for Eric Clayton to fill the 9th grade Science position* — Africa Tarver motioned; seconded by Marty Weilgos. All in favor approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve parent representatives community letter* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Marty Weilgos. All in favor approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve the budget for the 2022-23 school year* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Heather Garay. All in favor approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve a contract for the demolition work of 5258-56 & 5250 Ann Avenue to JM Wrecking in the amount of \$37,200 as the lowest responsible & responsive quoter* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Steve Grimm. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to approve a contract for the demolition work of 5249 Ann Avenue to JM Wrecking for \$27,800 as the lowest responsible & responsive quoter* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Africa Tarver. All in favor motion approved 9-0.
- *Motion to adjourn* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Africa Tarver. All in favor approved 9-0.

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New Correspondence

- None

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Committee did not meet but unveiled the 2022-23 school year budget to the board.
- **Personnel Committee-** Committee members Kris Sakelaris, Africa Tarver & Janet Venecz spent 2 days at HAST meeting with individual administration members to go over yearly evaluations. They also met with Dr. Egan to conduct his annual review. Finally, the committee will reach out to the 2 teacher applicants interested in the upcoming Teacher Board Member position as well as the 2 student applicants interested in the upcoming Student Board Member position. Both positions begin in August.
- **Fundraising Committee-** Committee on hold until further notice.
- **COVID Task Force Committee-** Committee did not meet.

Discussion Notes

- Lisa Sarwacinski, HAST Athletic Director, presented her position to the board.
- Highlighted changes to the 2022-23 school budget:
 - Additional \$10,000 added to teacher stipend budget
 - Additional \$10,000 added to Athletics coaching budget
- Kris Sakelaris asked Owana Miller to look into what access HAST has with the new tennis courts built in Harrison Park. Heather Garay mentioned contacting the Jim Tylon, Hammond Parks & Rec director.

Board Financial Inquiries

- The Board approved the Bad Debt policy in a previous meeting but because the Business Office is playing catch up with previous years fees, the policy will not begin until the upcoming school year.

New Business

Public Comment

- Joe Sarwacinski, spouse of Athletic Director Lisa Sarwacinski, came to speak in support of Lisa Sarwacinski as HAST Athletic Director. He also asked the board if they know of any tennis grants he can look into for the tennis program.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:11 p.m.