

New Horizons Charter Academy

Board Meeting

September 17, 2019

Present – Dr. Duran, Stephan Rinka, David Sams, Richard Thomas, Sandy Mejia, Guillermo Gomez, Geetha Huma, Jannet Curiel, Charlotte Cuevas, Scottie Howard

4pm

CLOSED Session: Performance Evaluation Executive Director

Open Session (Richard Thomas) – “NHCA Board discussed an increase to the teacher assistants from 2% to 3% percent on the COLA”.

Approval of Financial for August

- Motion made to approve – David Sams
- Second – Dr. Duran
- Motion Carries (3-0 votes)

Meeting Commenced at: 4:48 PM

Public Comments:

Scottie Howard (New Horizons Aide/Counselor) – “Thank you for seeing me today, I am requesting a raise for my counseling work, as well as extended time to provide counseling, an additional eight hours per week. My current case-load is overwhelming, but I believe there is extensive research that shows that students benefit from the services that I provide and they would be of great benefit to the students I service, in both schools. I am also requesting to be the school’s art teacher. I believe my additional time would support our students, staff, and parents.

Mr. Thomas – “For your edification, I have already approved an additional day of counseling to serve the Fair Avenue site. We also have Direct Ed supporting our Fair Avenue site as well, it is rare to have school sites with counselors, but we value the service it provides our students and Ms. Scottie has always been an outstanding contributor to our staff.”

Items for Action

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (August Board Meeting)

- Motion made to approve – David Sams
- Second – Dr. Castaneda
- Motion Carries (3 votes)

Monthly school Self Review Checklist (Richard Thomas)

This survey constitutes 90 questions that deal on a wide range of topics that NHCA is asked to address, questions the District would have answered, nearly all of them pertaining with New Horizons as a charter school. I would like to compliment Mr. Gomez and Ms. Mejia for conducting IEPs on both campuses. Ms. Mejia conducts an outstanding program that allows NHCA to service the students at NHCA on a timely basis. This is what NHCA presented to the Board. Are there any questions?

Financial Report

August 2019 Financials (Geetha Huma) – The average ADA is currently 286, with an average enrollment of 300. The Revenue is forecasted at \$3.8 million, decreased by \$146K from your previous month. The attendance rate is at 94.4% compared to our forecast of 95%

Expenses – Total expenses forecasted at \$3.6M decreased by \$42K, this is offset by the following

- increase in full-time substitute teachers you have needed for this quarter \$7K
- Salary reductions because you have less teachers on staff \$10K
- Cutbacks in books and supplies and technology by 25% - \$39K

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- Motion made to approve – David Sams
- Second – Dr. Duran
- Motion Carries (3-0 votes)

Executive Report

1st Quarter Testing

- Northwest Evaluation Test (NWEA), NHCA has administered a normed reference test in three content areas to all students in grades K-8.
- English Language Proficiency Assessment for California (ELPAC) – This assessment is given to new arrivals in grades K-8 who speak a second language.
- Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills – This is a foundational skills test administered to all students in grades K-3.

Back to school Night – This will take place on October 2nd, at the Lankershim campus.

Prop 39 – NHCA will be reporting in October to Prop39 office our disaggregated data on how many students attended each school site. LAUSD is determining if there are overallocation fees dating back to 2016-2017 school year. LAUSD will notify NHCA if we have to pay an overallocation fee for unused Fair Avenue classrooms. This is a district review, NHCA will share what NHCA may need to pay back from previous years, our current year, as well as possible future fees.

Meeting adjourned at 5:08 PM

Next Board Meeting – Oct. 29th