

New Horizons Charter Academy

**Board Meeting**

*August 31, 2021*

**Board Present** – David Sams (Chairman), Dr. Christina Duran, Ilana Youngheim, Richard Thomas (ED)

**Not Present** – Dr. Castaneda

**Public** - Guillermo Gomez, Michael Curry, Bea Italia, Geetha Huma C.P.A.

I. CLOSED SESSION

*Meeting Commenced at: 5:45 PM*

**Public Comments: None**

**Items for Action**

***Approval of Board Meeting Minutes (June 22, 2021 Board Meeting)***

Dr. Duran – Please make revisions as noted, agree to approve with changes.

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

**Monthly Financial Report**

**June 2021 - Unaudited Actuals Financials**

1. Average Daily Attendance at - The average ADA is 275, down from 275.
2. Revenue - is forecasted at \$4.6MM, decreased from last month.
3. Total Expenditures forecasted at \$3.6MM.
4. Net increase / decrease - \$1MM
5. Surplus forecasted at \$911K.

Motion made to approve – Dr. Duran

- Second – David Sams
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes votes)

**EPA Spending Plan – EPA Spending plan to spend \$56,000 on teacher salaries**

Motion made to approve – Dr. Duran

- Second – Mr. David Sams
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes votes)

**Independent Study Policy Revision (AB 130)** – The changes that have been shared with us deal mostly with how students access the curriculum. We utilize both Google Classroom and Zoom, but it is now required that schools clearly post what is the method of access. With a few modest changes to our teachers’ posting of assignments, we should be ready to comply with these changes. This a revision to New Horizons Charter Academy existing Board Policy regarding Independent Study.

Motion made to approve – Dr. Duran

- Second – Mr. David Sams
- Motion Carries (3-0 Yes votes)

### **Executive Director’s Report**

**Week 4 Update** – We appreciate would like to share the following events that are currently progress

- Our Think Together after school program is in full swing and we are working at maximum capacity, at this time, with some additional hiring, we expect to expand this program in the upcoming weeks.
- NWEA testing – We plan to have our teachers begin to administer these formative tests for grades K-8 and begin to dig a little deeper as to where our students are a this stage of the year.

**Covid Update** - NHCA has had a few Covid cases, but we have done everything we can to limit the exposures and keep those parties in isolation until they can return to school. By adhering to our safety protocols, we have been able to contain any existing cases.

We have had the challenge of parents bringing students to school that are sick and being completely truthful about their health when bringing them to school. We encourage parents to be cautious and if your know your child is sick or has been sick within the last (24) hours, please keep them home until they are feeling better. Please remember to have them return, with a Covid tests form upon their return.

Expansion of Testing (Grades 2-4) – I am proposing that we expand testing at Lankershim for grades 2-4. This would give us a more precise reading of the health on our campus and provide us with further protection against the Delta Variant. We are also purchasing Rapid Tests (300 tests), to provide us with more immediate feedback for illness for both students and staff alike.

Mr. Sams – I think this is a great idea, keep up with what your doing.

Dr. Duran – A great deal of large Districts are closing and not doing this, so I commend you for doing this. I appreciate there being a timeline for this.

Mr. Sams – I just want to thank you for not having our Board address the media, things have been constant and low key and we all appreciate that very much.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM*

**Next Board Meeting** – Sept. 28, 2021 – 5:45 PM