

Educational Horizons Charter School



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Minutes for Educational Horizons Charter School Governing Board Meeting Wednesday April 9, 2025

- Meeting was called to order by Board President April Etter at 3:31p.m. In attendance was Educational Horizons governing board consisting of April Etter Board President, Aileen Tapp Board Member, and Tanya Grace Board Member. Also in attendance was Educational Horizons Principal Paul E Galloway, and Educational Horizons Board Approved Management Company Dr. Erik A. Thorson Operator.
- Each Board Member was given a copy of the October 16, 2024, minutes to review. Minutes were also posted on the Educational Horizons website. The board was prepared and had read minutes. Motion to approve October 16, 2024, Board Minutes by April Etter and seconded by Aileen Tapp. Motion approved 3-0.
- The 2025-2026 Brevard Public School Calendar was presented along with the modified Educational Horizons Calendar with slight differences on Report Card Dates and potential Hurricane make up days if needed. Discussion included questions regarding the difference between the two schedules with the only thing mentioned was report card dates.
- Brevard has four report card dates and Educational Horizons has only three. Motion to accept 2025-2026 calendar by Aileen Tapp seconded by Tanya Grace. Motion approved 3-0.
- Middle School Expansion update given by Management Company Operator Dr. Erik A. Thorson. Things are progressing with permitting answer should be definitive by May 2, 2025. No vote was given on the update.
- Site Review Report by Brevard Public Schools was given to each board member to read in its entirety. Discussion occurred. Questions regarding Partially Met Items explained by Mr. Galloway. Consensus was that he is now fully aware of the expectations set forth by the district (Educational Horizons Authorizer) and it was agreed upon that improvement on next year's Site Review is expected. Motion by Etter acknowledging receipt of Full Site Review Report and its content. Second by Tanya Grace. Motion approved 3-0.
- The board was given the FSLA Principal Evaluation Tool, the same tool that had been used in previous years. Board acknowledged their position to evaluate the principal. The three board members lead by Aileen Tapp a former principal and long standing board member, went through entire evaluation questions and the three board members came up with consensus on each item in all four domains of the evaluation. Dr. Thorson the Operator also a former principal, superintendent and teacher was asked questions for

- clarity only and offered his opinion on items when asked. It should be noted that the entire principal evaluation was completed by April Etter, Aileen Tapp, and Tanya Grace. The evaluation was signed and given to Mr. Galloway. Motion to accept Principal Evaluation conducted by Governing Board by April Etter, Second by Tanya Grace. Motion approved 3-0.
- Amended Lease was presented to Board for review regarding tenant Country Day for Children a small one room Montessori Pre-School who leases space at Educational Horizons. Country Day representative stated that Country Day will not be having any summer programs moving forward and asked the board to freeze June and July payments only in the advent the program has no summer program. If the summer program is reinstated then Country Day would be obligated to pay the agreed upon monthly rent. Motion by Aileen Tapp, Second by April Etter. Motion passed 3-0.
- Teacher, Parent and Student Climate Survey results were presented to the board. Each received a packet of all questions and answers. Mr. Galloway highlighted the good, bad, and indifferent of each climate survey. The board acknowledged receiving and reviewing the climate surveys. Motion by Tanya Grace to except receipt and acknowledgement of all three climate surveys. Second by Aileen Tapp. Motion passed 3-0.
- Financial Report presented to the board. Each board member received a March bank statement along with an amended budget. School has a positive bank account of 165K after all bills paid in March. Motion by Aileen Tapp to approve the financials, second by Tanya Grace. Motion passed 3-0.
- Mr. Galloway presented his Principal Report which highlighted year end activities, PTO awards dinner, and graduation. He also talked about field trips that the children enjoyed and talked extensively about the testing dates upcoming and protocols in place to ensure a safe and secure testing site. Mr. Galloway thanked the board for their support. He also talked about potential openings for teaching positions in August and spoke on the urgency to get those positions filled with the best possible candidates.
- Dr. Thorson Operator gave his report and only highlighted the need for Montessori Professional Development. He advised the board that Educational Horizons will be hiring AIM which stands for Authentic Institute of Montessori to provide two full days of in-person Montessori training to all staff at Educational Horizons Charter. This will occur between August 1st and August 8th. In addition there will be unlimited email correspondence for the entire school year to Educational Horizons staff and three separate two hour seminars during the course of the school year. This is exciting. The price is \$K. PTO has agreed to pay 2500 of the \$K.
- Public Comment and questions were presented by April Etter. (There was no one that presented anything during Public Comment and questions.
- Board Adjourned at 4:43p.m