

Governing Board Meeting
June 15, 2023
3:30 pm



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Minutes Governing Board Meeting

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Educational Horizons Charter School was held on Thursday, June 15th, 2023 @ 3:30 pm on the campus of the school. A Quorum was declared present based on the presence of three directors, principal, and management.

Call to Order – Mary Altier called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm.

In Attendance: Mary Altier, Aileen Tapp, April Etter, Erik Thorson, and Cheryl Turner

Review of Minutes from April 13th, 2023 No changes, Mary Altier motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Special Recognition – Dr. Erik Thorson presented a first ever “Hall of Fame” award to Mrs. Aileen Tapp for her years of service as teacher, principal and now board member. Everyone was happy to see her get the recognition and the plaque will hang in the school. At a later date, the board will recognize Cindy Thomas as founder of the school and continued supporter. (Cindy is currently traveling and not able to be at the meeting)

Review of Financials and 2022-23. Erik Thorson presented the financial statement as we end the school year 22-23 which includes Surtax, Grants, and other possible income. It also showed spending. Mary Altier motioned to accept the financials, Aileen Tapp second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried. The proposed budget will be part of the July meeting.

Site Visit – Report is back and reviewed. Overall, very pleased with scores and standings with BPS. The state report card was included and showed our growth.

Current Enrollment for 2023-24 Charter shows 135, but we can go over as high performing. If we add a new classroom for grades 3 & 4 with a smaller number of students, we will be at 140. At this time we will be hiring a new PE, ESE, Lead 3 & 4, Reading 3 & 4, and Kindergarten Reading. Possibility of having the ESE be part time Admin to help with growing school needs.

School Improvements – PTO and donations are paying for the new grass at \$3500.00. This time we went with a St Augustine hybrid that can take activity. Floors are complete in Building B. Room 2 will now be grades 3 & 4, new addition. Decision made NOT to switch all rooms this year.

ESSER GRANTS – One has ended as of June 2023, the other one will go until next summer. We will continue to spend and look for ways to utilize the money.

Safety and Security – Money was down this year. Next year it should be more. We will do FSSAT and find where to spend money.

Commitment and Conflict of Interest for Board – Review of policy and sign for next school year.

FLFAST results – Data will be used to drive instruction and we will see what state wants to do. Results of Reading and Math shared with board. Mrs. Turner explained that in Math, we had 1 student score a 1 while 7 scored a 2. This will be a target as new legislature will have us look at math deficiency. In Reading 2 scored a 1 and 11 scored a 2. We will continue with Reading interventions and encourage Reading endorsements. Any grade 3 student with a 5 will be screened for GSP. One grade 3 students (ESE with portfolio) has been given a GCE.

Principal Comments Cheryl Turner will continue to build school for 2023-24 and interview for positions. Also, keep up with enrollment and opening needs.

Management Comments Dr. Thorson spoke of growth for the school and his commitment to try to expend in any way if possible as a service to our families. He will explore other avenues.

Public Comments The board checked the email and there was no new correspondence. No comments to be shared through social media or messages.

Board Meeting Dates for 23-34 school year will be July 12, 2023; October 11, 2023; April 10, 2024; and June 12, 2024. Mary Altier motioned to accept the minutes from the meeting, April Etter second the motion and accepted with a unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

Adjournment: Mary Altier closed the meeting at 4:15 pm Next meeting scheduled at 3:30 pm on July, 12th 2023. We will look at new budget for 2023-24.

Mary Altier (Chairperson) _____ **Date** _____
signature