



ECS Board Meeting–June 22, 2020

Explore Charter Schools Board Attendees: Hank Mannix, Jana Reed, Lindsay Matovich, Angie Brice, Lola Adedokun, Robert Archer, Shawn Jenkins

Explore Schools Staff Attendees: Carrie Mauer, Christina Froeb, Ashley Dickens, Jeremy Thomas, Rachel Modica-Russell, Latasha Williams, Cal Massiah, Janelle Rouse, Karen Francois, Nadia Despenza, Anwar Abdul-Rahman, LaKiesha George, Kristin Jefferson, Marisa Forbes-Ingram, Camille McGregor, Jonathan Carrington, Tanicqua Pryor-Davis

Executive Session

ECS Executive Session to discuss the medical, financial, credit, or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal, or removal of a particular person or corporation;

Hank Mannix motioned for the ECS board to enter executive session at 6:00 pm

Jana Reed seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ECS Board entered into executive session to prepare for the meeting

Hank Mannix motioned for the ECS board to come out of executive session at 6:18 pm

Jana Reed seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Meeting called to order at 6:18 pm

ECS Approval of Minutes

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the minutes from the ECS Board Meeting held on May 18th, 2020

Jana Reed seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the ECS Board Meeting to vote on PPP Loan on June 2nd, 2020

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

DEI Conversation with School Leaders

Anwar Abdul-Rahman, principal at Explore Upper, read a prepared statement to the Board drafted by Black leaders from Explore addressing the steps the network and its senior leadership should take to dismantle systems of oppression and white supremacy culture. The board thanked Anwar and the Black leaders for their statement, and acknowledged the need to continue this conversation at future board meetings.

COVID-19 Update & Contingency Planning

Carrie Mauer & Christina Froeb shared updates around summer and fall planning as they related to the impact of COVID-19 and the contingencies being planned for. This included:

- Updates on summer academic and engagement opportunities at each school
- Details on the remote professional development taking place over the summer
- Updates on the plan for a remote start on August 26th for all students except kindergartners who will start on the 24th.
- Updates on thinking around implementing a hybrid model of in-person and remote instruction.
- Details on new guidance from the state
- Details on how schools will be incorporating trauma-informed instruction
- Updates on how staff and families are feeling about returning to school
- Details on what instruction and assessments will look like.

Board members asked questions about the timeline for information from the state, what the schedule could look like for families, staff member concerns with returning, and about the additional tech needs of our community for remote learning.

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Hank Mannix motioned for the ECS board to enter executive session at 7:15 pm

Jana Reed seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

ECS board entered into executive session to discuss presentation by Black Leaders

Hank Mannix motioned for the ECS board to exit executive session at 7:30 pm

Jana Reed seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

FY21 School Budget and Contracts

Carrie Mauer & Ashley Dickens provided a quick review of the school budgets, highlighting changes that were made to the draft budgets since the May meeting. This included a discussion of funding projections for FY 21 and FY 22, and the need to revisit that modeling as the state provides more detail on Per Pupil Allocation and funding.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the FY 2020-21 school budget proposal

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the FY 2020-21 ESI management contract

Jana Reed seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Jana Reed requested that the revised operating values be added to contracts moving forward, when ready to reflect the antiracism work.

Hank Mannix motioned to approve the Lavinia group contract, AF Navigator Contract, and the Brooke Workman contract.

Shawn Jenkins seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Thank You, Robert Archer

Hank Mannix thanked Robert Archer for his service on the board. We are so appreciative of his support. His son, Jayden Emmitt Archer graduated 8th grade this month from Explore. Part of our guidelines dictate the parent rep must have a student attending one of our schools. Thank you for your service, Robert and we'll be looking for a new parent next year.

Public Comment

This time is to open the floor for public comment (pertains to Explore Schools Board rules of public meeting)

No public comment at 8:16 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.