

# Minutes

# **Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 @ 6:30 pm

2323 W. Parkside Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85027

Adams Traditional Academy • Jefferson Preparatory • Choice Services LLC

#### **Board Members Present**

Lisa Fink, David Weston, Thomas McCauley, Ray Malnar (Remote), Brent Garrett (Remote), Judd Lewis (Remote), Marcus Kelley (Remote)

**Board Members Absent** 

#### **Guests Present**

Audra Wilson-Smith, Ashley Schorer

### **I. Opening Items**

- A. Record Attendance and Guests
- **B.** Call Meeting to Order
- C. Introduction of James Loewer as the new Jefferson Preparatory High School principal

#### **II. Executive Session**

A. Adjourn to Executive Session: the Board may vote to adjourn to executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431-04 for consultation with and to instruct its attorney regarding settlement discussions related to a current EEOC complaint. The Board's attorney may appear virtually or in person.

Thomas McCauley made a motion to Move into Executive Session regarding settlement negotiations.

Marcus Kelley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Adjourn to Executive session: The Board may vote to adjourn to an executive session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(3) for discussion or consultation with the Board's attorney for legal advice regarding adoption of new corporate bylaws. The Board's attorney may appear virtually or in person.

Thomas McCauley made a motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for legal advice on bylaws.

David Weston seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### C. Adoption of new corporate bylaws

Thomas McCauley made a motion to Approve the new bylaws.

David Weston seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

This motion was made, discussed, and passed after the Board had adjourned from the Executive Session.

# III. Consent Agenda

- A. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for April 29, 2020
- B. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for May 19, 2020
- C. Finance Committee Minutes for May 21, 2020

# **D.** Approve Consent Agenda Items

Brent Garrett made a motion to Approve Consent Agenda.

Thomas McCauley seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **IV. Opening Items**

A. Call to Public-The board members can not discuss or vote on comments made by the public. The public may comment on any agenda item when the agenda item is called.

There was no public in attendance.

### V. CEO Report

# A. Summary report for Choice Academies

All three schools wrapped up the online learning and school year. Schedules were coordinated to have families return to campus and pick up belongings and fourth quarter awards, preschoolers received their caps and gifts from teachers, high schoolers returned textbooks, received awards, yearbooks, transcripts and diplomas. High School graduation is tentatively scheduled to take place June 18th with social distancing in place. Attendance will be limited to two family members per graduate.

Summer camp is scheduled for June 1st. Summer camp will proceed with social distancing and other precautions in place.

The launch of the ATA and ATB websites is done. Final work on the JP website will continue with the goal of launching that website soon.

Thank you to the members of the JP Principal Search committee (Mrs. Pennell, Mrs. Fink & Mrs. Schorer) for working to select the best candidate. Mr. James Loewer has accepted the position of Principal at Jefferson Preparatory High School. Mr. Loewer will begin on Monday, June 1st. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Loewer to the campus. In looking forward to the next school year, I acknowledge here the resignation of Dr. Stacy Smith. Dr. Smith provided me her letter of resignation effective today. Mrs. Ashley Schorer has been appointed to assume the position of Principal of ATA. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Schorer.

# VI. Finance

#### A. Budget draft for FY 2020-2021

The draft budget does not take into consideration the proposed increase in education funding due to the decrease in

state revenues due to COVID-19.

## B. Sports fees for Jefferson Preparatory High School

Thomas McCauley made a motion to Motion to approve increasing sports fee to \$175.

Judd Lewis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### VII. Academic Excellence

### VIII. Governance

#### **IX. Other Business**

# A. Public Comment suspension for April Board meeting

# **B.** Board Members Suggestions for Future Agenda Items

## X. Closing Items

# A. Adjourn Meeting

Thomas McCauley made a motion to Motion to adjourn.

David Weston seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.