

Hoosier Academy, Inc.
Special Board Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2021

I. Preliminary

Upon determining the presence of a quorum, Board President, Jayme Short-DeLeon, called the meeting to order at 5:38P.M. TUESDAY, July 13, 2021.

Board President Short-DeLeon read the Board Mission: 1) make sure that our school accomplishes the outcomes it was chartered to produce (i.e. student achievement) and 2) Make sure that nothing illegal, unethical, or imprudent occurs.

A. ROLL CALL

Name	Present	Absent	Departed Early	Electronic Participation
Jayme Short-DeLeon	✓			✓
Michelle Study-Campbell		x		
Gary Meyer	✓			✓
Maurice Boler	✓			✓
Peter Pizarro	✓			✓
Anya Janeway	✓			✓

Others in Attendance:

K12 Representatives	HA Staff	Community Members
Tina Walker Randi Tolentino Patsy Woods Julia O'Sullivan	Lynn McCoy Avory Freund Greg Blatz Mallory Kindig	

B. Guest Introductions:

C. Adopt Board Agenda for the July 13, 2021 Special Board Meeting:

Ms. Short De-Leon presented the July Special Board meeting agenda. Mr. Meyer motioned approve the July 13, 2021 Special Board meeting agenda. Mr. Pizarro seconded.

Roll Call: Jayme Short-DeLeon, yes; Gary Meyer, yes; Maurice Boler, yes; Peter Pizarro, yes; Anya Janeway, yes. The motion passed.

G. Oral Communication:

None.

II. Hoosier Academy, Governance and Organization

A. Resolution 2021-9, Approval of 2021-2022 School Handbooks

Mr. Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 2021-9, Approval of 2021-2022 School Handbooks. Ms. Janeway seconded.

Roll Call: Jayme Short-DeLeon, yes; Gary Meyer, yes; Maurice Boler, yes; Peter Pizarro, yes; Anya Janeway, yes. The motion passed.

B. Resolution 2021-10, Approval of FY22 Budget

Mr. Meyer motioned to approve Resolution 2021-10, Approval of FY22 Budget. Mr. Boler seconded.

Mr. Meyer stated that the school has not yet heard from Ball State regarding potential any relief to the current enrollment conditions for the Insight School. The budget being approved this evening is a modified budget but can be updated again once the school hears from their authorizer regarding Insight enrollment.

Roll Call: Jayme Short-DeLeon, yes; Gary Meyer, yes; Maurice Boler, yes; Peter Pizarro, yes; Anya Janeway, yes. The motion passed.

C. Hoosier Academy, Inc. School Design Discussion, Anya Janeway

Ms. Janeway provided a recap of the ad hoc committee. The purpose of this special board meeting is to further review and discuss a school transformation plan presented by Stride and to reach a conclusion on a recommendation for the plan. The committee began in early February and met monthly with Stride to review and discuss the initial transformation plan that was shared in January on ways to change the curriculum delivery. The committee met with Stride and legal multiple times March through May, and in June the board and Stride also met with Ball State to discuss the plan and the many components. The original request was for the ad hoc committee to bring a recommendation to the full board in May, but the request from the committee was to move these transformation plan discussions to the full board. Ms. Janeway provided a review of the plan as proposed by Stride and reviewed and studied by the Committee. The transformation plan provides for a consolidation to a single school that is project-based learning with a career focus for high school students.

The plan proposes shifting to a project based curriculum and micro-society model with blended in-person and virtual instruction for grades K-5 , a business immersion focus for grades 6-8, and an early college high school program for grades 9-12. The proposed instructional model will overlay and combine online technology with traditional instruction materials. Additional space needs may need to be considered depending on enrollment growth. As a blended model with students coming to the school facility part-time, enrollment will be an important factor when determining the space for the K-5 blended component. Students will still come and receive instruction face-to-face, but there is no guarantee of the 51% seat time.

6-8 would be virtual and students would participate in a business immersion middle school that applies project-based learning, with an exploration focus for CRE.

9-12 would earn a high school diploma and also graduate with an associate degree from an accredited university. Another important piece to the high school is developing an advisory board of relevant industry professionals in order to support the programs and pathways that students are going into and gaining work experience.

Stride also provided the committee with a five-year enrollment projection and financial analysis to offer an understanding of how the school could be successful.

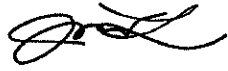
Extensive discussion was held regarding the plan and the proposed model of curriculum delivery. The Board discussed the project pieces, the timeline, and execution. Further planning and implementation will require considerable input and must include the expertise of the school leadership team and teachers. The plan will also require involvement from key stakeholders. Before that can happen the board needs to determine if this is the direction that the school wants to take. In addition to the specifics on implementation, the specifics of how the school would achieve the enrollment numbers along with targeted marketing strategies would be something that would require further discussion and modifications. Following a review and discussion of the plan as proposed, the Board concluded that it agrees in principle with the project based school transformation plan and moving forward with Stride to pursue the plan implementation. More specifically, the board is in favor of:

1. Moving to the Project Based Learning model
2. Placing more focus on career readiness across all grade levels, but particularly for the high school grade levels, and
3. Consolidating the two existing schools into a single school with the goal of providing a more cohesive education experience for our students

General discussion was then held and consensus reached regarding bringing the plan forward by preparing a resolution for the next regularly scheduled board meeting to express the Board intent to renew its charters with emphasis on the transformation plan as proposed by Stride.

Being no further business, Mr. Meyer motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.
Next Regular Board meeting is July 27, 2021, Caito Dr. at 6:00pm.

Signatures for Approval of the July 13, 2021 Minutes.



Jayme Short-DeLeon, Board President

Maurice M Boler

Maurice Boler, Board Secretary

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