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**December 03, 2018, Regular Board Meeting
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting – via Conference Call
North Carolina Learns, Inc.
Board of Directors
1-888-824-5783 passcode: 73138271#**

Board Members Present		Board Members Absent	Others in Attendance Non-Voting
Dr. Steve Moody	Dr. Steven Peters		Chad Long
Dan Swartz	Walter Martin		Chris Withrow, Executive Director
Sara Struhs	Brenda Robertson		Dr. Joel Medley, K12
			John Kramer, K12
			Harry Kaplan

I. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Steve Moody called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm. Before conducting business, the Executive Director took roll to ensure that a quorum of the board existed. With a quorum present, board business could be conducted.

The mission was read for the full board to drive the actions and deliberations for the remainder of the meeting.

ACTION: Mrs. Brenda Robertson made a motion to accept the agenda and minutes from previous meetings, seconded by Dr. Steven Peters. The motion passed unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

No requests for public comments were received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS:

- Student Handbook Update [SHU]

ACTION: Mr. Walter Martin made a motion to approve the SHU, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. Legislative Update – Mr. Kaplan gave a recap of the recent election noting the changes in both House and Senate of the General Assembly. Based on the voting there were changes regarding Democrat/Republican mix in both houses including the Republican’s losing their veto-proof ability. Several of the public-school choice advocates were not re-elected which will induce additional efforts on our part to educate the new members.
- b. HOS Update: Dr. Medley focused in on 3 data points for the board
 - FAST Update – the numbers of students being served by the FAST team were provided and the different areas of service offered. At the end, the withdrawal numbers were shared. Thus far, in the first 3 months of school, NCVA has the lowest student withdrawal numbers in school history (even though we have the highest enrollment ever).
 - EVAAS data release – the State released EVAAS data right before Thanksgiving and the school overview was provided. Progress was made in all areas towards the -2 scale to meet growth with the exception of slight dips in 4th and 8th grade math. All grade levels made growth in reading, except 3rd grade, with the school also earning “Exceeded Growth” for the first time in a couple of courses – 6th grade ELA and English 2. The school also met growth on the ACT calculations. One board member asked for the biggest takeaways from the data and Dr. Medley shared how close we were in so many areas. With the EVAAS predictor scores also being released, teachers are digging into those figures to correlate with the NWEA MAP proficiency predictor as well.
 - Teacher Pulse Checks (TPC) – the school earned the highest teacher satisfaction (82%) and morale (77%) in the school’s history. This was the first of 4 TPCs that will be administered this year. As more details are available, they will be shared with the board on those culture results too.

- c. Dr. Steve Moody – Provided a brief overview of the board retreat and thanked everyone for attending. He shared the actions of the finance committee including an overview of the PowerPoint presentation, that we have 23 more enrollments than budgeted for and funding is currently 16.8 million dollars. The committee recommended the board approve the invoice.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

November Invoice
Election of Board Treasurer

ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody, on behalf of the finance committee, made a motion to approve the invoice, seconded by Mrs. Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mrs. Sara Struhs, made a motion to approve Mr. Walter Martin as the Board Treasurer, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

- December 10, 2018 – Academic Committee Meeting 5 PM
- December 10, 2018 – Governance Committee Meeting 12 Noon
- December 17, 2018 – Finance Committee Meeting
- December 20, 2018 – Polar Express Movie, 10 AM, Kings Park International Church
- December 24, 2018 through January 2, 2019 - School Closed for Holiday Observance

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dr. Steve Moody and properly seconded by Mrs. Sara Struhs. The motion passed unanimously. With the completion of all agenda items and no new business items, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended at 5:48 PM.

The next scheduled board meeting will be January 07, 2019, 5 PM.