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**June 01, 2020, Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

Regular Meeting – via Videoconference
North Carolina Learns, Inc.
Board of Directors
https://zoom.us/j/601051832

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I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Steve Moody called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Before conducting business, the Executive Director took the 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.
II. COMMUNICATIONS:

No requests for public comments were received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS:

- Proposed Policy Changes
- Brenda Robertson – 2nd Term
- 2020/2021 School Calendar
- 2020/2021 Board Meeting Calendar

ACTION: Mrs. Sara Struhs made a motion to approve the consent agenda items, seconded by Dr. Ron Kantor. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Harry Kaplan, Jason Deans, Amanda Faulkenberry, and Franklin Freeman provided an update of the activities taking place at the General Assembly [GA] and the State Board of Education [SBE]. COVID 19 has forced schools, the SBE, and the GA to evaluate Virtual/Remote education. Notably, there is interest in the model that we provide. There is talk of lifting the enrollment cap and moving NCVA out of pilot status and into a full renewing charter. The SBE will decide this week if they will allow NCVA to continue at its current enrollment numbers.
- Mrs. Lauren Acome, HOS, shared the following:
  - Employee agreements for rehire will occur this month; the Chairman thanked Mrs. Acome for being timely sending the agreements out before the summer break.
  - She updated the board with the enrollment/lottery information with all slots being filled, and we have a waitlist.
  - ACT numbers across the board are higher than in previous years.
  - She provided information regarding our spelling bee and art show.
o Our teacher and family pulse checks are up compared to the same time the previous year.
o Details of the summer reading camp were shared.
o Mr. Walter Martin updated the board regarding the finances, particularly our enrollments, which are currently projected for 2,715 on a 9-month average, being 209 registrations higher than last year. Total funding is $20.0 million, with total projected expenses at $19.9 million. The year-end surplus is $120K before the 3% Top-Off Reserve of $68k.

Three invoices listed below are being recommended for the board to approve.

Staff Charge Back
Substitute Teacher and Student ISP
May Invoice

V. ACTION ITEMS:

May Invoice

Staff Charge Back Invoice

Substitute Teachers and Student Internet Invoice

2020/2021 Budget

ACTION: Mr. Walter Martin, made a motion approve the invoices, seconded by Dr. Ann Fuerst. The motion passed unanimously.

ACTION: Mr. Walter Martin, made a motion approve the budget, seconded by Dr. Ronald Kantor. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

• June 04, 2020, 11 AM Graduation
VII. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Mark Fleming and properly seconded by Mr. Walter Martin. The motion passed unanimously. With the completion of all agenda items and no new business items, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting ended at 6:14 PM.

The next scheduled board meeting will be July 06, 2020, 5 PM.