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**August 06, 2018, Regular Board Meeting
Minutes**

**Regular Meeting – via Conference Call
North Carolina Learns, Inc.
Board of Directors
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Board Members Present		Board Members Absent	Others in Attendance Non-Voting
Dr. Steve Moody	Dr. Steven Peters	Walter Martin	Chad Long
Sara Struhs	Dan Swartz		Chris Withrow, Executive Director
	Brenda Robertson		Sonimar Villegas, K12
			John Kramer, K12

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 adopt the agenda, and approve the minutes from the previous board meeting, finance, and academic committee meetings, seconded by Mrs. Sara Struhs. The agenda was adopted, and minutes approved unanimously.

II. COMMUNICATIONS:

No requests for public comments were received.

III. CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Employment Recommendations

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

IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- a. LMS Presentation – Mrs. Sonimar Villegas shared an overview of the Learning Management System utilized by the school. Highlights included schedule, grades, email, calendar, tracking of time on task, alerts to the learning coach and notifications.
- b. HOS Update – Dr. Joel Medley
 - The EOY teacher satisfaction results were shared and NCVA, as a third year school, had the highest satisfaction for all schools that partner with K12 – 94%. The data was broken down by questions and shared with particular focus on approximately 10 specific questions that are used by NCES to determine national teacher satisfaction. In every category, NCVA exceeded both the national averages and K12 averages – with 100% on questions focusing on collaboration, administrative support, and understanding leadership’s vision for the school.
 1. One question of note was teacher worry about losing their jobs based on state assessments. The K12 average was higher than the national average and NCVA was significantly higher than both. A teacher committee reviewed that result, and the timing, to determine it was due to the high-pressure 3rd year of the charter with renewal. Now that the charter has been extended, that committee believes the results would be completely different if the question was posed again to the same teachers.
 2. One board member asked a question regarding the teacher salary results and the HOS provided the average salaries for the board to understand.
 - A current update on student enrollment was provided for the board. Steady progress is being made towards the legislated cap of 2592. Smaller than hoped numbers are showing up in kindergarten, so that grade level was capped at 150 students. The additional 50 have

been moved to middle school and 4th grade where we have vibrant wait lists.

- The first day of back to school professional development had concluded and the board received copy of the agenda for the week. The center of the PD was focused on academic improvement through the K12 partner's instructional coaches that were in town to work directly with the teachers.
- c. Academic Committee Update – Mrs. Sara Struhs informed the board regarding the activity of the committee. The committee conducted a deep dive into the test data, noting our successes but also pointing out weakness. Further, she expressed some of the interventions that are planned for the new academic year which will address the shortcomings, particularly in the elementary math.
- d. Dr. Moody led the board through a Finance Committee report including the invoice forwarded by K12. He highlighted variances including teaching 23 more students than had been planned for and that our final funding received for 2017/2018 was \$13,725,721. A budget revision to meet the requests of the board at the May meeting have been submitted. The committee recommends the board approve the invoice and budget amendment.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

Invoice
Budget Amendment

~~ACTION: Dr. Steve Moody, on behalf of the finance committee, made a motion to~~
a **ACTION:** Dr. Steve Moody, on behalf of the finance committee, made a motion to approve the budget amendment, seconded by Mrs. Brenda Robertson. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. CHAIRPERSON COMMENTS

- August 15, 2018 – Statewide Outings, a list of locations can be located at the bottom of this summary.
- August 22, 2018 – First Day of School

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting ended at 5:51 PM

The next scheduled board meeting will be September 10, 2018, 5 PM