

# Taylion High Desert Academy

## Governing Board Annual Meeting Minutes Notes

September 19, 2019

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 14196 Amargosa Rd, Victorville, CA 92392

Meeting Conference Line: 800.786.1922 /Passcode 366.42.166

Teleconference available at the following locations:

- 7130 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad, CA 92011
- 15018 Avenida Montuosa Unit C, San Diego, CA 92129
- 3050 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90020

### A. Preliminary

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Kim Tucker.

2. Board Roll call

Current	Present	Absent
Tadios Belay	6:20	
Cathlyn Choi	Y	
Elizabeth Hulse	Y	
Matthew Piccione	Y	
Kimberly Tucker	Y	

Additional Attendees: Tim Smith, Evelyn Sandoval, Geetha Huma, Nolan Smith and Tracey Mora.

### B. Open Session

#### Items Scheduled for Action

1. Approve Minutes from June 20, 2019 Board Meeting - Tracey

Motion: Choi

Second: Tucker

Vote: Belay \_\_\_\_\_ Choi Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 2 to zero.

2. Vote to add Matthew Piccione to Taylion High Desert Board of Directors - Tim

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay \_\_\_\_\_ Choi Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 2 to zero.

Matthew has a passion and connection with youth and the community. Was brought up here and knows the struggles in the area. He was very open to the opportunity to work with Taylion and being on the board. The direct and intimate environment of teaching the students is a better option for certain students. Personally seeing what Taylion does over the last year excited him about being involved with this charter school, allowing certain students a better opportunity for education and expanding their options and experiences.

3. Vote to add Elizabeth Hulsey to Taylion High Desert Board of Directors - Tim

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 3 to zero.

Taylion has worked with Elizabeth through Goodwill as a Program Manager in Youth Opportunities. Formerly worked with foster youth. She discovered her passion working with them and they seemed to gravitate to her. Was brought up in Victorville and loves this area and knows the community. She is excited for the opportunity to be on the Taylion board. School of choice is good for those that may have obstacles in life and aren't meshing well in the regular high school environment. She sees that some students need that one on one connection. She likes the structure of Taylion's way of teaching, and working at the students pace.

4. Approve scheduling the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month for Regular Board Meetings for the 2019-2020 year

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulsey Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

5. Approve the July Financial Package – Geetha

Motion: Tucker

Second: Belay

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulsey Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

Projected enrollment for the year is at 390 and ADA is 351. Revenue is forecasted at \$4.5M. Expenses forecasted at \$3.6M, which is lower due to reductions in staffing and facilities expenses. Surplus is forecasted at \$919K and fund balance forecasted at \$2.8M. Spending ratios are at 46% salaries meeting the 40% requirement. We

are at 75% instructional requirements, just short of the 80% requirement. We will monitor ongoing.

6. Approve EPA Budget to be posted to the school's website pursuant to EPA Bulletin 19-040 requirements – Geetha

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulseley Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

Education Projection Account. It is about \$200 per ADA. The funds must get spent on instructional purposes. We are expecting \$70,200 funds to be spent on certificated salaries and benefits. Once approved by the board, it must be posted to the schools website.

7. Approve the 2018-2019 Unaudited Actual Report – Geetha

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulseley Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

The 2018-2019 Unaudited Actual Report data is summarized in the 2018-19 Budget item to be approved below (item #8). Geetha covered both of these together.

Total revenue for 2018-19 is \$4.9m. Expenses were \$5.2 leaving a deficit of \$288K.

8. Approve the 2018-2019 Budget – Geetha

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulseley Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

Revenue 2019-20 is budgeted at \$4.5M, expenses are projected at \$3.5M. Less than last year due to staff and facilities reductions. This will leave a surplus of about \$1m.

9. Approve the 2019-2020 LCAP – Tim

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulseley Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

There were several reasons we had to revise the LCAP, particularly because of required updates due to the San Bernardino school closure. We had to revise to align it with the 2019-2020 budget. In addition, we approved Renaissance learning

benchmarking assessment tool to replace NWEA based on feedback received last year. Apex online learning replaced FuelEd and is what the local schools use for credit recovery. Board approved for online approval of final version to be sent next day.

10. Approve enrollment of grade level based on credits earned versus a student's age – Evelyn

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulseley Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

There is a disconnect between parents and students as to what grade level they are at by age versus credits earned. We often have students come to us that are credit deficient. What matters is what credits they have and what they need to move forward. We have come up with a grade level policy that reflects that. Grade 9 is 0-60 credits, grade 10 is 61-120 credits, grade 11 is 121-180 credits and grade 12 is 181-220 credits. Upon enrollment we review transcripts, identify credits earned and place them in that grade level.

11. Approve the Student Handbook – Evelyn

Motion: Tucker

Second: Choi

Vote: Belay Y Choi Y Hulseley Y Piccione Y Tucker Y

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 5 to zero.

Only changes are we are using Renaissance learning benchmarking assessment tool to replace NWEA, and Apex for online credit recover replacing FuelEd. Also introduced the grade level credit breakdown policy.

## **Communications**

12. Principals Report – Evelyn

Looking to increase enrollment and retain students we are getting. Starting student council at every location next week. We are having movie night at our new 395 location for all our students. We are having Socktober event for United Way. We are also participating in the Shake-out; spending the day going over earthquake preparedness, fire drill and lockdown procedures. October is also our Victorville clean-up day for staff and students to service the community.

13. Next Regular Board Meeting date is October 17 at 6:00pm. This may be rescheduled to meet quorum requirements or canceled if there are no agenda items needing board approval. Special meetings may be scheduled as needed.

**C. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 by Kim Tucker.

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