

Taylion High Desert Academy

Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2022

Time: 6:00pm

Location: 14181 US Highway 395, Suite 202, Victorville, CA 92392 (Due to COVID it will be a Teleconference)

Meeting Conference Line: 507-291-9953 PIN: 969897420#

Teleconference available at the following locations:

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

A. Preliminary

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm on February 24, 2022 by Kimberly Tucker.

2. Board Roll call

Current	Present	Absent
Tadios Belay	X	
Elizabeth Hulsey	X	
Kimberly Tucker	X	

Additional Attendees: Shannon Smith, Brenda Congo, Zach Wolfe, Karen Ruffner

B. Open Session

Items Scheduled for Action

1. Approve Minutes from December 16, 2021 Board Meeting – Kimberly Tucker

Motion: Tucker

Second: Belay

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 3 to 0.

Approve the 2020/21 Audit – Zach Wolfe: \$490,000 surplus, no audit findings this year.

2.

Motion: Hulsey

Second: Belay

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 3 to 0 .

3. Approve the THDA Bylaws – Zach Wolfe: \$300 per month for board members retroactive to July 1st, 2021 is the only change to by-laws.

Motion Belay

Second: Hulsey

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 3 to 0 .

4. Approve LMEG Contract – Zach Wolfe: intent is to make funding more in line with how funding works in CA. LMEG: \$225 per ADA semester (\$500 annually) adjusted per principal apportionment. Instructional services plus technology and curriculum is also involved.

Motion: Hulsey

Second: Belay

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 3 to 0 .

5. Approve SARC – Karen Ruffner: The school’s accountability report card was updated for the past school year touching upon Taylion’s mission statement, enrollment breakdown, facility conditions, student test results, parental involvement, academic achievements, etc.

Motion: Belay

Second: Hulsey

Vote: Belay X Hulsey X Tucker X

Information/Actions: Board vote approved 3 to 0 .

Communications

1. Principal Report – Brenda Congo: Planning a celebration for staff Friday, 2-25-22 for the earlier enrollment of 300 students and, presently, 400 students enrolled along with 26 staff members. Dates have been established for summer school which is open for surrounding schools. Graduation Date (Board invited) June 17, 2022 @ 5pm. Ordering more Chromebooks and staff laptops as well. Working on Grad Nite plans and staff will be present at the Adelanto Expo on March 25. Two student governments also created.

2. Financial Board Report with check detail – Zach Wolfe: cash through January has risen to about 1.2 million dollars which will help with enrollment growth. Revenues have no issues – trying to be strategic with federal dollars. Cash is no issue. Expenditures: working on hiring new certificated teachers.
3. Supplement to the LCAP Presentation – Brenda Congo/CBO: Mid-year review required by state. Taylion’s LCAP Goals focus on Student Achievement, Comprehensive PD, and Educational Partners. Recap given on ESSER expenditures and other funding as applied to Taylion’s goals. Overview provided on safety for all students and staff.
4. A-G Grant Public Hearing – Zach Wolfe: Funding allocation requiring two board meetings to present grant (tonight) plus a second one for approval. The school can expense dollars on struggling students and their support systems. This is a grant trying to provide additional resources to unduplicated students. Board suggestions: possible community involvement, additional devices & hotspots, parent communication on college opportunities. Topic of foster students’ needs and ways to utilize this grant – education for foster parents, social workers, and college prep.
5. Next Regular Board Meeting Date March 24, 2022, at 6:00pm. This may be canceled if there are no agenda items requiring approval or rescheduled if needed. Special meetings may be scheduled as needed.

C. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm by Kimberly Tucker.

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