

**Hiawatha Academies
Meeting: Board of Directors**

Meeting Date	8/5/20
Location	Virtual
Called to order	4:05 PM
Adjourned	5:53 PM
Submitted by	Sara Boedecker-Johnston

Members Present	Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Penny Le Porte, Jen Stern
Members Absent	Jonathan Alvarez
Staff Present	Christine Reed, Franny Marino, Sara Boedecker-Johnston, Colette Owens
Guests Present	None

Agenda Item	Call to Order		
Discussion	None		
Motion	Motion to call the meeting to order		
Made by	Jerry Alcazar	Seconded by	Jason Brandenburg
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz	Nay: None	Abstain: None
Action	No action needed		

Agenda Item	Agenda		
Discussion	None		
Motion	Approve agenda with added resolution for addition of COVID-19 policy vote		
Made by	Robbie Soskin	Seconded by	Alicia Muñoz
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Jen Stern	Nay: None	Abstain: None
Action	No action needed		

Agenda Item	Welcome
Discussion	Appreciation for the Hiawatha team in leading a strong start to the school year, board members shared updates on how they are doing

Motion	No motion needed
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Agenda Item	Consent Agenda		
Discussion	Previous Minutes May and June Financials FY20 SPED Contracts Annual Designation of Identified Official with Authority for the MDE External User Access Recertification System		
Motion	Motion to approve the consent agenda		
Made by	Pam Langseth	Seconded by	Jerry Alcazar
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Jen Stern, Penny LePorte	Nay: None	Abstain: None
Action	None needed		

Agenda Item	SY20-21 Hiawatha Academies COVID-19 Board Policies		
Discussion	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Director is hereby authorized, after consultation with the Board Chair and notification to the Board, to select and implement a SY20-21 Safe Learning Model for the School District or any specific school buildings without Board action if the Executive Director reasonably believes that prompt implementation of a different Learning Model is necessary, and that constraints of time and public health considerations render it impractical to hold a Board meeting to approve the implementation. The Executive Director is hereby authorized, after obtaining approval by the Board Chair and notification to the Board, to suspend Board policy as necessary to adequately respond to the emergency. If the Executive Director encounters a policy that may impede necessary action and there is no time to call a Board meeting, the Board authorizes the Executive Director to operate as if the policy is temporarily suspended for the 2020-21 School Year. The Board recognizes that it does not have the authority to suspend state or federal law and relies on the Executive Director and governance committee to verify with legal counsel as necessary to distinguish between law and policy. The Executive Director will provide regular updates to the Board regarding efforts to implement COVID-19 related educational and public health guidance issued by the Minnesota Department of Education and the Minnesota Department of Health. 		
Motion	Motion to approve COVID-19 policies as amended		
Made by	Robbie Soskin	Seconded by	Jerry Alcazar
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Jen Stern, Penny LePorte	Nay: None	Abstain: None

Action	None needed
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Agenda Item	Board Business
Discussion	SY2021 Board Calendar SY2021 Board Officer Elections SY2021 Board Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive: Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jerry Alcazar, Robbie Soskin, Penny LePorte • Governance: Jerry Alcazar, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Chels Elsberry, Jen Stern • Development: Jason Brandenburg, Jamil Salaam, Penny LePorte • Finance and Facilities: Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Jason Brandenburg, Jon Schwartz, Tyler Baier • Family and Community Engagement: Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo SY2021 Student Discipline Committee Annual Training Opportunity: An Introduction to Equity-Focused Governance
Motion	No motion needed
Action	Sara follow up with Jonathan

Agenda Item	Board Officer Elections		
Discussion	Board members discussed officer roles and nominated officers for the 2020-21 school year.		
Motion	Motion to approve Penny LePorte as secretary, Robbie Soskin as treasurer, Jerry Alcazar as vice chair, Margarita as chair		
Made by	Jen Stern	Seconded by	Jason Brandenburg
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Jen Stern, Penny LePorte	Nay: None	Abstain: None
Action	None		

Agenda Item	Student Discipline Committee		
Discussion	Student discipline committee members: Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Roberto Lazo. Alternates: Jerry Alcazar, Penny LePorte, Robbie Soskin, Jonathan Alvarez		
Motion	Motion delegate board authority for student expulsion to the student discipline committee		
Made by	Jerry Alcazar	Seconded by	Robbie Soskin
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Jen Stern, Penny LePorte	Nay: None	Abstain: None

Action	Governance committee to review expulsion process and share student discipline training resources with committee members.
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Agenda Item	Network Updates
Discussion	SY2021 Network Calendar SY2021 Network Goals Staffing and Student Enrollment Updates Start of School Learning Plan
Action	Revisit enrollment and transportation zone expansion.

Agenda Item	Adjourn		
Discussion	None		
Motion	Motion to adjourn		
Made by	Jason Brandenburg	Seconded by	Penny LePorte
Vote	Yea: Jerry Alcazar, Alicia Muñoz, Roberto Lazo, Margarita Dimas Cultu, Jason Brandenburg, Robbie Soskin, Pam Langseth, Chels Elsberry, Jamil Salaam, Jon Schwartz, Jen Stern, Penny LePorte	Nay: None	Abstain: None