

Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School

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Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2021

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Claudia Chang	x	
Mr. Spear Lancaster	x	
Mr. Ferhat Avsar	x	
Dr. Valorie Sanders	x	
Mr. Ishmam Mirza	x - via phone	
Mr. Yilmaz Ak	x	

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.01 The meeting was called to order at 5:14 pm by Mrs. Chang.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.01 Approval of the board meeting minutes from January 21, 2021.

Motion: Mr. Avsar moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 21, 2021.

Second: Dr. Sanders

Vote: Unanimous

3. PUBLIC REMARKS

3.01 None

4. DISCUSSION ITEM – Update from CLF, Mr. Ak, CLF CEO

4.01 Mr. Ak shared a presentation with the board about himself and his qualifications as the newly appointed CEO of CLF.

4.02 Mr. Ak discussed the challenges presented to all CLF schools by the COVID-19 pandemic, including: Student performance, which is expected to be affected by the virtual learning environment and the challenges it has caused. Student absences have increased and grades have fallen in some schools. Budgeting- CLF does not anticipate any budget cuts for the next school year but does not know how the pandemic will affect the budget in the future. Hiring-finding quality teachers can always be a challenge especially for technology classes.

4.03 CLF has been undertaking some organizational shifts. The executive director positions have been deleted and a new position, Director of Accountability, has been created.

4.04 The charter application for CSP Elementary has been started

4.05 CLF is looking to continue to improve the quality of our programs as we acquire new technology for our schools.

5. DISCUSSION ITEM – Update from CSP Principal, Mr. Jefferson, CSP Principal

- 5.01** Mr. Jefferson presented information about the new hybrid learning to the board. The middle school students will attend on Mon Tues as Cohort A and the high school students will attend Thurs Fri as Cohort B.
- 5.02** 13 staff members requested accommodations for the year, the 13 requests and 1 appeal were denied. All 13 staff members chose to return.
- 5.03** The Middle school math team has advanced to the regional MathCounts competition. The middle school Science Olympiad team has advanced to the state competition.
- 5.04** The school held a Town Hall meeting on 3/2/21 via Zoom. The meeting went very well.
- 5.05** Two (2) students tested positive for COVID on 3/12. Contact tracing has been completed and the wider school community was alerted on Sunday, 3/14. All students in the building continue to wear their masks and teachers are sanitizing regularly.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM – Update from CLF Director of Finance, Mr. Vedat Dogan

- 6.01** CSP is on budget and has enough cash on hand for daily operations.
- 6.02** Budget discussions for the 21-22 school year have begun with all schools.
- 6.03** CSP is hoping to hire an additional Science teacher and another teaching assistant for the new school year.
- 6.04** The school has received the grant funds expected from AACPS.

7. ACTION ITEM – Early repayment of the CES gym loan

7.01 Mr. Dogan presented for board approval the request for early payoff of the CES loan for the gym. The loan was issued in 2015 in the amount of \$575,000 at 6% for 10 years. The payoff amount of the loan is \$301,539.09.

Motion: Dr. Sanders moved to approve the \$301,539.09 payment to CES for the early payoff of the gym loan.

Second: Mr. Lancaster

Vote: Unanimous

8. ACTION ITEM - Board term extensions

8.01 Extension of parent elected board member Valorie Sanders' term to April 30, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Lancaster moved to approve the extension of Dr. Sanders' board term.

Second: Mr. Mirza

Vote: Unanimously approved; Dr. Sanders abstained

8.02 Extension of CLF appointed board member Claudia Chang's term to May 31, 2022.

Motion: Mr. Lancaster moved to approve the extension of Mrs. Chang's board term.

Second: Dr. Sanders

Vote: Unanimously approved; Mrs. Chang abstained

8.03 Extension of CLF appointed board member Ferhat Avsar's term to May 31, 2022.

Motion: Dr. Sanders moved to approve the extension of Mrs. Chang's board term.

Second: Mr. Lancaster

Vote: Unanimously approved; Mr. Avsar abstained

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Mr. Lancaster moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Dr. Sanders

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.