

C.L.A.S.S. Board of Director's Minutes for the meeting of August 19, 2020 held via Zoom

Director's present: Emily Roubion, Duane Stelly, Donnyette Love, Al Edwards II, Debra Dean, Anthony LaPierre, and Kelly Batiste

Other's present: Gretchen Johnson, Terri Daigle, Ashley Singleton, and Shawn Tolliver and Brenda Watson

The meeting was called to order 6:46p.m. Roll call was then taken by Director Stelly. Director Stelly then called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. A motion was made by Mrs. Love and seconded by Mr. Edwards. The motion passed unanimously.

The chair (Mr. Stelly) then called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the last board meeting. Mrs. Roubion made the motion and it was seconded by Mr. LaPierre. The motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Batiste then gave her CEO's report. The following items were discussed:

1. The date school was slated to start.
2. Teacher's prepping for 100% virtual learning
3. Enrollment
 - a. Mrs. Batiste informed the board that there were currently 529 students enrolled from Pre-K to 8. And that 89% of enrollees have entered school.
 - b. Mr. Stelly asked for a comparison of last year's enrollment to this year's enrollment. Mrs. Batiste responded that last year's enrollment was at 523 students, which is comparable to this year's numbers.
4. The district's decision to restart school would be made on 8/26.
 - a. Mrs. Batiste stated that she was scheduled to meet with the school's leadership team to discuss transitioning from 100% virtual to some hybrid method.
5. The securing of iPad, laptops, and chrome books to be issued to students to facilitate virtual learning.
 - a. Mrs. Batiste further informed the board that there were minor technology issues being dealt with, with respect to parents and students. Mr. Edwards then asked Mrs. Batiste for further clarification the chrome books. At which point, Mrs. Batiste informed the board that these assets were ordered but have yet to be received. She further stated that she is in the process of tracking the chrome books but that she expects some to be damaged and/or stolen.
 - b. Mrs. Roubion then asked Mrs. Batiste for clarification of learning instruction from virtual to a hybrid method. To this, Mrs. Batiste responded that currently instruction is 100% virtual but that she is in the process of mapping out what this hybrid method will look like.
6. Pupil progression plan (PPP).
 - a. Mrs. Batiste briefly discussed the PPP and asked that a motion be made to adopt it. A motion was made by Mrs. Roubion and seconded by Mr. LaPierre. Mr. Stelly then asked for public comments; hearing none, the motion was passed unanimously.
7. Health Emergency Policy

- a. Mrs. Batiste briefly discussed this while outlining the Covid progression plan being an emerging policy; school's implementation of BESE's guidelines. The board was informed that this policy needs to be adopted by the board. Mrs. Roubion then asked was the school taking temperatures, to that Mrs. Batiste responded yes. She further stated that anyone (student or staff member, other adults) registering a temperature of 104 would not be allowed into the building. Additionally, she stated that if it were a student, that the student would be isolated; for which there is an isolation room. And that additionally, the student would have to seek medical care.
- b. Mrs. Roubion then asked were we sanitizing common areas? Mrs. Batiste responded that yes, the custodial staff have been and will continue to sanitize common areas once people clear the areas.
- c. Mrs. Roubion then asked how the classrooms going to be configured for social distancing. Mrs. Batiste stated that she is currently looking at it but configuring 25 classrooms for 6ft social distancing requirements was not feasible.
- d. Mr. Edward then asked were there any grants out there to assist with social distancing expenses. Specifically, he inquired about the Main Street Lending grant, which was geared for property, plant, and equipment (PPE). He further stated that restrictions regarding this were just lifted this past Monday and that every entity was eligible, funds secured being forgivable, and that the money from the grant could be used for anything.

A motion was then made by Mr. LaPierre regarding this matter; seconded by Mrs. Love. Mr. Stelly then asked for public comments. Hearing none; the motion passed unanimously.

8. NOLA Public Schools

- i. Mrs. Batiste informed the board that the governance board forms needed to be submitted by 8/28 along with board assurances forms. Additionally, she stated that this year there was an ethics requirement. Lastly, she stated that she would be sending the board the requisite forms as well as a link to the online ethic presentation.

9. 2021 board meeting

- a. Mrs. Batiste informed the board that dates for the upcoming year need to be determined.

10. Charter renewal

- a. The board was informed that Fannie C. Williams was supposed to be '19/20 but due to Covid 19; the evaluation wasn't done. Additionally, she stated that Orleans Parish School Board was releasing new standards/requirements due to Covid and that she already requested a copy.

With nothing further to report, Ms. Watson presented the Business Manager's report.

The board was informed that due to Covid-19, that the school saved money. This savings was specifically related to transportation services and resulted in net income of \$368,000. With no questions from the board, she moved on.

Next, the '20/'21 actual budget was discussed. Ms. Watson stated that the budget was zeroed due to a strong start related to the non-usage of buses for August.

The following items were then discussed:

- a. Recommendation to spend the \$368,000 to be spent in this school year
- b. Workman's compensation
 - a. The board was informed that this increased from 20,000 to 60,000. She further stated that this was due to 3 (three) claims filed last year. And because of these claims, the school was dropped.
 - b. Mr. Edwards then asked who was the old company and what caused the claims? He then recommended that we get another quote.
 - i. Mrs. Batiste interjected that she would get with Ms. Watson to research facts of the claims and last year's company and report back to the board. Ms. Watson then stated that school is currently with Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation (LWCC).
- c. Fund balance
- d. Transportation costs
 - a. Mrs. Watson informed the board that this year's proposal would increase due to the company wanting us to lease and pay insurance. She further stated that one quote already came in at \$66,000/year for insurance and lease.
 - b. Discussion took place regarding this.

With nothing further to report, Ms. Watson concluded her report.

Mr. Stelly then asked for public comments; hearing none, he then asked for a motion for adjournment. Mr. LaPierre made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Love. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting then adjourned.