

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF

NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC.

August 13, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Directors of NorthStar Academies, Inc. d/b/a Andrews High School, C.G. Bethel High School, Chambers High School, Palm Beach Preparatory Academy (f.k.a. Mavericks High School of Palm Springs), and Sunrise High School (“NorthStar Academy”), a Florida not for-profit corporation, was held at the offices of NorthStar Academies, One East Broward Blvd., Suite 1111, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301 on August 13, 2019.

The following Board members were present: Guillermo Aragon, Board Chairman; Stephanie Sears, Beth Adelman and Ira Paul. Ms. Sears appeared *via* Zoom.

Also present in person were: Thom Jackson, President & CEO, EdisonLearning; Dr. Sherrell Hobbs, SVP Achievement Operations and Results, EdisonLearning; Dr. Jeanette Jimenez, Director of Operations (Florida), EdisonLearning; Ralph Arza, Principal, Arza and Associate; Eddie Chan, Principal, R. Seelaus and Co., LLC; Jeff Wood, Director, Tripp Scott LLP (serving as Board Counsel), Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning, Inc.; Carley Fuller, Senior Director, Virtual Operations and Results, EdisonLearning; and Pamela McCoy, President and Director of Compliance, Charter Service Solutions of Florida, Inc. (serving as the Board Liaison).

The meeting was called to order at 4:42pm.

The meeting was chaired by Mr. Aragon. Ms. McCoy, Board Liaison, recorded the minutes. Mr. Aragon brought the meeting to order, noting that the meeting had been duly noticed and that a quorum of the Governing Board was present.

The first order of business was approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Paul motioned to approve all of the remaining items on the consent agenda. Mrs. Adelman seconded the motion. The consent agenda was unanimously approved.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Aragon turned next to Governance Matters. Ratification of interim actions by Mr. Aragon was the first item discussed. The documents signed by Mr. Aragon prior to the Board meeting, included School Resource officer (“SRO”) verifications, and the Food Service contract and letters for Andrews, Sunrise, CG Bethel and Chambers High Schools, There was a discussion regarding the varying cost of the SRO’s per county. Mr. Jackson informed the Board that Palm Beach County is providing 60 calendar days of School Resource Offices. Mr. Jackson recognized Dr. Hobbs and Dr. Jimenez for their efforts to facilitate the food service plan. Dr. Jimenez recognized Martie Lovely for her contribution to this effort as well. Ira Paul made a motion to ratify these items that were signed by Mr. Aragon. Ms. Sears seconded and the vote carried unanimously. A

carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Ms. Adelman to ratify the Electronic Transfer Agreements for Palm Beach County and Miami/Dade County. It was noted that Broward County did not require the Board chair's signature. The vote carried unanimously.

Chambers High School will be receiving Title I Funds this year. Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the Title I Budget for Chambers High School. Ms. Adelman seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

The fee schedules for CG Bethel and Chambers High Schools were discussed. Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the Fee Schedules and Ms. Adelman seconded the motion. The vote carried unanimously. The Mental Health Plans for all schools were reviewed and discussed. Mr. Paul made a motion to approve the Mental Health Plans and Ms. Adelman seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

The final items for ratification were the Corrective Action Plans for the 2018-2019 Compliance Reviews for CG Bethel and Chambers High Schools. It was noted that 4 of the schools received the rating of "Commendable" and 2 of them received the rating of "Maintaining." Palm Beach Preparatory Academy Charter School is appealing their score of "Maintaining" and Chambers is researching their options. Ira Paul made the motion to approve the Action Plans as presented. Ms. Adelman seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Wood gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the NorthStar Bond Financing. A discussion ensued regarding the delay of the closing date. Mr. Wood informed the Board of the three items in the Amended Restated Resolutions. Mr. Paul made a motion that, in light of counsel's review and approval from a legal perspective, that the Board approve the financing and the amended resolutions. Ms. Adelman seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Paul introduced new business. He stated that one of the benefits is attending the various Charter School Conferences throughout the year. Mr. Paul noted the Charter School Conference in Orlando October 29th through the 30th, The Excellence in Education Conference in which Jeb Bush is involved, The National Charter School Conference that will be held in June of 2020 an the National Charter School Conference. Mr. Jackson said it may be possible to send a couple of members and he noted that the NorthStar brand is getting recognized. Pending a reimbursement plan, Mr. Paul motioned to approved sending 2-3 Board members to various conferences. Ms. Adelman seconded and the vote carried unanimously.

Mr. Jackson informed the Board that Dr. Hobbs prepared a preliminary organizational chart as suggested by council. He stated that the final chart will be provided at the next meeting.

Mr. Aragon introduced new business. He recommended that the Board approve that Dr. Sherrell Hobbs be approved as CEO of NorthStar. Mr. Paul made a motion and Ms. Adelman seconded. The vote carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42pm.

By: 

Title: Secretary/Treasurer