# MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF NORTHSTAR ACADEMIES, INC. June 13, 2023

A meeting of the Governing Board of NorthStar Academies, Inc. was held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at 4:30 PM. This Meeting was held at The Tower Club Fort Lauderdale - -100 SE 3rd Ave 28th Fl, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394.

The following Governing Board Members appeared in person: Board Chairman, Mr. Leonard Posey, Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, and Mr. Martin Burkett.

The following Governing Board Members were present via Zoom video conference Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Doug Shelton.

The following guests appeared in person: : Thom Jackson, President and Chief Executive Officer, EdisonLearning; Mendi Riggins, Sr. Executive Assistant, EdisonLearning; Dr. Tony Arza, Arza and Associates; Dr. Sharard Walker, Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Alejandro Madrigal, Principal, CG Bethel High School; Daniel Walke, Principal, Chambers High School; Frank Espana, Accountant, EdisonLearning.

The following guests also were present *via* Zoom video conference: Dr. Dwayne Stewart, Principal, Main Street High School; Julian Wilburn, Assistant Principal, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Tarry May, Attendance & Welfare Coordinator, Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy; Susan DeAngelo, Talent Acquisition Specialist, EdisonLearning; Thomas Sternberg, Tripp Scott, Michelle Schmitt, Senior Controller, EdisonLearning;

The meeting was called to order at 12:21 p.m. The meeting was chaired by Board Chairman, Mr. Leonard Posey. Ms. Mendi Riggins recorded the Minutes and conducted a roll call. Mr. Leonard Posey noted that Ms. Beth Adelman, Mr. Ira Paul, Mr. Robert Holland, Mr. Martin Burkett, and Mr. Doug Shelton were present.

A quorum was present.

There were no requests for public comment.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the following items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Meeting Minutes dated May 16, 2023 Ratification of
- interim actions by the Board Chairman

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Shelton, the Board unanimously agreed to ratify the following actions by the Board Chairman, which were required to be performed by the Board Chairman prior to the extent Board meeting.

## **Andrews High School**

• Engagement Letter

#### **CG Bethel High School**

- Certified Public Accountant
- Engagement Letter

## **Chambers High School**

• Engagement Letter

#### **Main Street High School**

• Engagement Letter

#### Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy

• Engagement Letter

## **Sunrise High School**

- Charter School YMHA Certificate of Training
- Engagement Letter

The Board Chair, Leonard Posey passed the symbolic gavel to the incoming Board Chair, Beth Adelman, who proceeded to chair the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Sternberg, legal counsel for the Board, provided an update on the litigation with Pinellas County School District. Based on the recommendation of the Board at last month's meeting, a total for settlement will be presented. Mr. Sternberg also file a motion against the Property Appraiser's Office and Tax Collector's Office. Mr. Sternberg is awaiting a ruling or response from the judge at this time. Mr. Sternberg provided an overview of why we are in litigation for the new Board members.

Mr. Jackson reported that it is the recommendation of the management company, EdsionLearning, that Ms. Charmayne Joseph be named as the Principal in Training of Sunrise High School. Dr. Casey will work closely to support Ms. Joseph and staff of Sunrise High School.

On a motion by Mr. Martin and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to appoint Ms. Charmayne Joseph as Principal of Sunrise High School.

Mr. Jackson provided the Board with an update on the roof repairs at Sunrise High School. Legal counsel has attempted to contact the company that originally repaired the roof to no avail, and the company fails to acknowledge these attempts. It is the recommendation of the management company that the Board allow legal counsel to continue pursuing the company legally while having the roof repaired/replace by a new company. Three bids have been received and prove to exceed the \$100,000 previously approved by the Board. It is the request of the management company that the Board increase the amount of what it would cost to repair/replace the roof up to \$400,000.

On a motion by Mr. Posey and a second by Mr. Paul, the Board unanimously agreed to approve increasing the spending limit to repair/replace the roof of Sunrise High School to \$400,000.

Dr. Arza provided a legislative update. No vote was required.

On a motion by Mr. Posey and a second by Mr. Martin, the Board unanimously agreed to approve

the Governing Board meeting calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. The calendar was included in the Board packet, which the Board members reviewed prior to the Board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Paul and a second by Mr. Holland, the Board unanimously agreed to approve the 2023-2024 school calendars for the following:

- 1. Andrews High School
- 2. CG Bethe High School
- 3. Chambers High School
- 4. Main Street High School
- 5. Palm Beach Preparatory Charter Academy
- 6. Sunrise High School

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With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm on a motion by Mr. Posey and seconded by Mr. Holland.

By: | Beth Adelman | Beth Adelman (Sep 20, 2023 10:16 EDT) | Title: Governing Board Chairman