

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: Education Foundation Charter Board of Trustees
Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 25, 2021

School(s): PM Wells Charter Academy
Bellalago Academy

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

Date:	Start	End	Next Meeting:	Next time:	Prepared by:
May 25, 2021	8:03am	8:54am	June 22, 2021	8am	R. Weaver
Meeting Location:					
On-Site Location: Virtual Meeting pursuant to Governor DeSantis Executive Order 20-69 dated March 20, 2020					
Attended by:					
Charter Board Members: Mike Steigerwald, Chair Mark Grey, Treasurer Catherine (Kay) White, Trustee			Other Attendees: Kerry Avery, Executive Director, Education Foundation Samantha Giel, Education Foundation Rep. Fred Hawkins Jr., President, Education Foundation Rita Weaver, Senior Governing Board Manager Dr. Eddie Ruiz, State Director Lane Morris, Area 3 Deputy Director Lisanne Morton, Finance Director Yolanda Thomas, CSUSA Angela Barner, Sr. Financial Analyst, Osceola District Yurik Rodriguez, Osceola District Penny Walcott, Florida Finance Director Stephanie Smith, Sr. Financial Analyst Alan Ramos, Principal PM Wells Charter Academy Drew Sorrell, Attorney Jeffrey Hernandez, NAEP Chris Kober, Regional Facility Manager, CSUSA Members of the Public: Parents from PM Wells Charter Academy		
Absent: Dave Sklarek, Trustee					

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 8:03am with a Call to Order by Chairman Mike Steigerwald. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

Meeting Minutes

- The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from April 27, 2021.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Grey and seconded by Kay White to approve the April 27, 2021 Charter Board of Trustees for the Ed Foundation Meeting Minutes, as edited. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

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II. BOARD UPDATES - CHAIR

Charter Renewal

- The Board has received the charter contract from the School District of Osceola County and Attorney Sorrell will be reporting to the staff and to the Foundation Board with the final draft at the June meeting.

PM Wells Management Contract Award

- The Chair reported to the Board of Trustees that the attorneys were unable to come to an agreement with CSUSA. Therefore, the contract has been presented for approval to National Academic Educational Partners (NAEP). The Charter Board of Trustees discussed recommending the agreement with National Academic Educational Partners to the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation Osceola County, the charter holder. Attorney Sorrell shared National Academic Educational Partners has been reporting back to the Trustees throughout the process and shared the recommendation comes from staff as well. The agreement is ready for execution.

MOTION: Motion made by Kay White and seconded by Mark Grey to recommend to the Board of Directors of the Education Foundation Osceola County to award the management contract for PM Wells Charter Academy to National Academic Educational Partners. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

III. EDUCATION FOUNDATION UPDATES

- There were no updates.

IV. SCHOOL REPORTS

Bellalago Academy

FY22 Preliminary Budget Review

- Angela Barner introduced her replacement Yurik Rodriguez as she would be leaving the district. Ms. Barner reviewed the FY22 Preliminary Budget for Bellalago Academy and would have projections at next month's meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Grey and seconded by Mike Steigerwald to approve the FY22 Budget Review for Bellalago Charter Academy, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

PM Wells

Spring Surveys

- Yolanda Thomas reviewed the Spring Survey results for PM Wells Charter Academy.
- Principal Ramos asked the board to review their transition plan and whether it intended on having a summer program or when they would plan on communicating with the parents of the management change. Kerry Avery responded on behalf of the Trustees by asking Principal Ramos to work closely with Jeffrey Hernandez with National Academic Educational Partners to ensure a smooth transition for everyone and to ensure proper information is communicated.

HVAC and Facilities Update

- Chris Kober shared the insurance company has been out twice. They will have an answer by the end of the week. Ms. White asked how long the process has been taking place and Chris shared it had been over two months with the insurance company. The Board discussed repairing and seeking reimbursement from the insurance. Mr. Grey visited the school and was able to see what

repairs were needed. Chris Kober advised the board that the estimated repair amount was \$60,000, and if reimbursed, the final deductible would be \$5,000.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Grey and seconded by Kay White to authorize the repair on the HVAC system at PM Wells Charter Academy up to \$60,000. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

V. CSUSA REPORTS

- Dr. Ruiz shared there was no additional report.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- There was no Old Business.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

2021-2022 Ed Foundation Charter Trustee Board Meeting Schedule

- The Board reviewed the 2021-2022 Trustee Meeting Schedule. The board will meet via zoom in June and July and move to in person in August.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Grey and seconded by Kay White to approve the 2021-2022 meeting schedule for the Ed Foundation Charter Board of Trustees, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Ms. Fabiola Sloat, a parent, expressed her surprise that this agreement was not being awarded to CSUSA because she has been on a few meetings and it has not been discussed that the school might not be managed by CSUSA. Ms. Sloat also commented that she did not hear the name of the company. Ms. Kerry Avery stated Mr. Jeffrey Hernandez of National Academic Educational Partners was in attendance and could share on behalf of his company. Mr. Hernandez gave an overview of his company, including their partnerships with the school districts they are located in, and that they currently manage two schools in Osceola. If approved at Thursday's Education Foundation Board of Directors meeting, he will reach out to the parents, staff, and Principal Ramos to communicate and ensure a smooth transition plan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Mark Grey and seconded by Kay White to adjourn the May 25, 2021 Charter Board of Trustees for the Education Foundation Osceola County meeting. Motion was approved unanimously. (3-0, 1 absent)


Mike Steigerwald, Chair

Date: 06/22/2021