



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

\*Meeting to Be Held Virtually Via Zoom\*

### AGENDA

- I. Call Meeting to Order @ 6:35 PM
- II. Roll Call – In addition to principals, certain staff members and parents, the following individuals were in attendance, all by phone.

David Thomas, Board Chair
Catherine Arcabascio, Board Member
Jacqueline Greenberg, Board Member
Alexandra Lonsdale, Board Member
Debbie Orshefsky, Board Member
Scott Sznitken
Deborah Hanley
Daniel Sandberg

- III. Acknowledgement of George Floyd Tragedy – Statement read by Dr. Thomas
- IV. Public Speakers – Statement read by Dr. Thomas; Denise Simmons, PPK8 parent spoke and was displeased with statement we released and wants to be a part of the conversation. Mr. Kotler also spoke -he has written comments for first time. Wanted to thank everyone at Franklin for job done to keep education going – wants kids back in school safely. Acknowledged food drive at CC that he witnessed as he drove by. Thinks Franklin should get involved to help. Other thing was re George Floyd – we should encourage families to talked to their children about racism – he and his wife learned at home.
- V. Approval and Ratification of Minutes of March 23, 2020 Special Board Meeting – Approved and ratified – Motion to approve and ratify made by Board member Debbie Orshefsky, motion seconded by Board member Dr. Greenberg. All board members in were favor and the motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Consent Agenda – Mr. Sznitken read the resolution items to the Board and asked if Board Members would like any item pulled for further discussion. No items were pulled and Mr.

Sznitken asks for a Board member to make a motion to approve Consent Agenda items. A motion was made by Board member by Dr. Greenberg to approve, adopt and ratify all consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Board member Orshefky. All board members were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

- a. **RESOLVED**, that the Premium Services Agreements with the School Board of Broward County, Florida for additional services in Broward County, Florida for the 2020-21 school year are hereby ratified and approved, and Dr. David Thomas, Board Chair, shall be vested with the authority to execute such agreements;
- b. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Second Amendment to Charter School Renewal Agreement between the School Board of Broward County, Florida and Franklin Academy Foundation, Inc. (d/b/a Franklin Academy – Cooper City - 5037) is hereby ratified and approved;
- c. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, the letter to Ms. Heather Knust in response to the request for Financial Corrective Action Plan for MSID 4020, MSID 4060 and MSID 4061 is hereby ratified and approved;
- d. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that certain 2020/2021 Renewal Contract for Nonprofit Food Service Program for food service for all Franklin Academy campuses, effective July 1, 2020 is hereby ratified and approved;
- e. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Employee Handbook for 2020-21 is hereby adopted, ratified and approved as written;
- f. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the tentative board meeting dates for the 2020-21 school year are hereby ratified and approved;
- g. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the audit engagement letter from HLB Gravier, LLP for the fiscal year end June 30, 2020 audits is hereby ratified and approved, and Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director and Dr. David Thomas, Board Chair, shall be vested with the authority to execute such engagement letter;
- h. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Franklin Academy Threat Assessments Policies are hereby ratified and approved;
- i. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all financial budgets for the 2020-21 academic year are hereby ratified and approved for all Franklin Academy charters, including:

Franklin Academy - Pembroke Pines (Broward) (5012)

Franklin Academy - Cooper City (Broward) (5037)

Franklin Academy - Sunrise (Broward) (5010)

Franklin Academy - Pembroke Pines K-12 (Broward) (5046)

Franklin Academy - Pembroke Pines K-12 (Broward) (5142)

Franklin Academy - Boynton Beach (Palm Beach) (4020)

Franklin Academy - Palm Beach Gardens (Palm Beach) (4061)

- j. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Best and Brightest Award Distribution Plans for Franklin Academy – Boynton Beach (4020) and Franklin Academy – Palm Beach Gardens (4061) are hereby ratified and approved;
- k. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Franklin Academy – Palm Beach Gardens and Franklin Academy – Boynton Beach shall opt in to Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan adopted by Palm Beach County School District for the 2020-21 school year and thereafter until elected otherwise;
- l. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Franklin Academy – Pembroke Pines, Franklin Academy – Sunrise, Franklin Academy – Cooper City, Franklin Academy F and Franklin Academy – Pembroke Pines High School shall opt in to Mental Health Assistance Allocation Plan adopted by Broward County School District for the 2020-21 school year and thereafter until elected otherwise;
- m. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the family service hour requirement is hereby suspended for the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years;
- n. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Diane Showalter is hereby ratified and confirmed as Principal of the Pembroke Pines K-12 campus for Grades 9-12;
- o. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director, shall be vested with the authority to negotiate and execute any and all vendor contracts for the 2020-21 academic year, and shall likewise be vested with the authority to execute any agreement or documentation related to any resolution item approved by the Board; and
- p. **FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board recognizes, based upon COVID-19 and social distancing requirements and recommendations that may or may not remain in effect for all or a portion of the 2020-21 school year, that different options for continued virtual learning, full-time on campus learning and hybrid instructional models should be developed in preparation for the 2020-21 school year. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director, Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools, and/or David Thomas, Board Chair, are hereby authorized and empowered to take whatever reasonable action necessary or convenient in carrying out the foregoing resolution, and adopting an appropriate offering of instructional options to Franklin families.

VII. Presentations

- a. Dr. Daniel Sandberg, Superintendent of Schools
  - i. Academic/Curriculum Overview –
    - 1. Dr. Sandberg discussed how Franklin team was able to put together a virtual learning model in March with less than 2 weeks notice.
    - 2. Dr. Sandberg gave IB updates – PBG became an IB PYP World school; BB is waiting for official response to become IB PYP World school;

PBG was granted candidacy for MYP; CC is up for evaluation for MYP this winter.

3. Dr. Sandberg discussed instructional models under consideration for 2020-21 school year – Full time on campus, Full time off campus, and hybrid model
4. Dr. Sandberg discussed summer plans – creating three unique scheduling offers for families while maintaining academic rigor, COVID-19 considerations and professional development

b. Mr. Scott Sznitken, Executive Director

i. Organizational Overview/Update –

1. Mr. Sznitken acknowledged the Franklin team on rolling out virtual plan quickly and efficiently in spring
2. Mr. Sznitken gave COVID-19 related updates
3. Mr. Sznitken addressed FY21 state budget and that it had not been approved by Governor yet -including education funding for upcoming school year
4. Mr. Sznitken addressed parent surveys and how they will be critical to rolling out educational plan for Franklin for 20-21 school year
5. Mr. Sznitken addressed uncertainty regarding providing bus transportation to families in 20-21 school year
6. Mr. Sznitken addressed how Franklin was preparing buildings for reopening in light of COVID-19, including installation of thermal cameras
7. Mr. Sznitken addressed enrollment for upcoming year and lotteries
8. Mr. Sznitken addressed virtual campus tours and acknowledged Principal Ellis on her good work in preparing a virtual tour presentation
9. Mr. Sznitken discussed medical benefits for employees for the upcoming year and switch from Aetna to United Healthcare due to cost increases with Aetna, and noted minimal impact to employees with the switch.

c. Mr. Richard Moreno, Financial Consultant

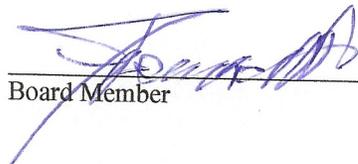
- i. Financial Review – Mr. Moreno discussed closing out the financials for the 2019-20 school year and how the purchase of the two campuses in January will help with the fiscal health of the organization.

VIII. Resolutions - None

IX. Board Member Items - No items

- X. Items for Next Meeting – No items
- XI. Next Board Meeting – TBD date in September
- XII. Adjournment - A motion is made by Board Member Orshefsky to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion is seconded by Board Member Lonsdale. The meeting is adjourned at 7:42 p.m

Ratified and Approved by a 4 to 0 vote  
of the Board of Directors of Franklin  
Academy Foundation, Inc. this 10 day of  
September, 2020.

  
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Board Member