



**Urban Academy Charter School
School Board Meeting
June 21, 2021
Saint Paul, Minnesota**

MINUTES

Board Members:	Ex-Officio Members:	Advisory Members:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Melissa Jensen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mongsher Ly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis Brown-Pena
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tamara Mattison		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ralph Elliott
<input type="checkbox"/> Fong Lor		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nancy Smith		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caley Long		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yu Yin Liao		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ronsoie Xiong		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chao Yang		

Staff and Guests Attending:		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tony Lang, Urban Academy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Meeting called to order by Melissa Jensen, Board Chair at 6:02 PM via Zoom webinar

Acceptance of Agenda

Corrections made: none

Board Motion: Approve the agenda

Board Member motioning to approving agenda: Xiong

Board Member seconding the motion: Yang

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Conflict of Interest

None to report

Approval of 5.17.21 Minutes

Board Motion: to approve the minutes

Board Member motioning to approve the minutes: Smith

Board Member seconding the motion: Liao

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Reports/Presentation

Mr. Tony Lang: Academic Report Overview

- MCAs and MAP test were taken this academic year; however, NEO permitted us to withhold data from framework. UA elected to do so as results were lower given distance learning and changes to school.

- Chrome Books allowed us to get testing done much faster than normal. Each student has access to their own Chrome Books. Students are much tech-savvier as a result of COVID.
- We're hopeful summer school will help support student performance next year.
- MDE is not penalizing any schools because of from MCAs; results were low across the state and were used as a baseline to understand student performance. Legislature is not utilizing this information against any school districts.

Board Member Reports/Ex-Officio Member Presentations:

Board Chair, Melissa Jensen

- Is our 6 p.m. meeting time still best for everyone?
- Those not on site agreed that 4 p.m. start time works

Approval to move board meetings to 4 p.m. on third Monday of each month starting in August, 2021

Board Motion: to approve the minutes

Board Member motioning to approve the minutes: Mattison

Board Member seconding the motion: Smith

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Board Finance Chair, Dr. Tamara Mattison: reviewed last month's Financial Snapshot for details for fund balances and expenditures; see attachment

Superintendent, Dr. Ly:

GENERAL INFORMATION, OPERATIONS and COVID-19 DISCUSSION

- Lease aid about to be submitted to MDE; all other applications have been stamped and approved
- NEO framework has been updated
- Staffing: in search of second 4th grade teacher for next year due to staff member moving out of the district. We are actively recruiting.
- Masks still mandated for usage in school for operating indoors

FACILITY

- Playground rebuild in works in July
- Basketball and 4-Square markings coming in July

ACADEMICS:

- Summer school started 6.21 and we had more students than expected so we are making space for them
- August 30—all staff back for staff development
- Making a school calendar change to start two days earlier than SPPD right after Labor Day weekend
- Enrollment next year approximately 450 ADM

BUDGET

- Title 1 – IV all granted as well as extra COVID funds that will be spread throughout the school year and up to 2024 for COVID-related expenses. We will likely spend a good amount for tech needs.
- UA awarded another \$150K for our pre-K program
- PPP salary COVID relief was approved by SBA for another \$550K for salaries
- We're looking at an additional \$3 million overall with all the new funds
- Fund balance also approaching \$3 million

- Government shutdown may be approaching which would pause all funding to school districts and other government-funded organizations

BOARD BUSINESS:

- During board retreat, we will review bylaws, mission and vision. Dr. Ly will send those along before meeting so we can review and prepare notes.

Motion: to approve the board member reports

Board member motioning to approve the board member reports: Smith

Board member seconding the motion: Yang

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Board Consent Agenda:

Motion: to approve the board consent agenda

Board member motioning to approve the board consent agenda: Yang

Board member seconding the motion: Long

Discussion: none

Unanimously approved

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- Board retreat has been postponed to August 20-22, 2021 due to COVID-19. Please plan on attending!

Open Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes)

- None

Board Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM

Board Member motioning to approve to adjourn the meeting: Xiong

Board member seconding the motion: Yang

Unanimously approved

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM

Next board meeting August 16 at 4:00 p.m.