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**MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.  
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools  
November 14, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS**

*Board Chair Herrity called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In-person, board members were Terrance Mims, Joe Herrity, Elyse Burden, Jennifer Credit, and Erica Alfaro. Board members Oliver Unaka and Asha' Jones were absent. Central office staff joined in person.*

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

***On a motion from Elyse Burden and seconded by Jennifer Credit, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as posted.***

**APPROVED**

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for November 14, 2023
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2023

**RECEIVED**

3. Monthly Financials through October 31, 2023 (included in 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report)

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**IV. BUSINESS SERVICES**

**4. Approved SIATech 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report**

Tom Renner reviewed the report's highlights and noted some assumptions that have changed since adopting the SIATech budget. The 2023-24 adopted budget was based on 860 ADA, which has increased to 920 in the revised 2023-204 budget. The ending fund balance increased by \$445k more than initially planned. ADA must be at least 1000 to eliminate the projected deficit next year. Based on these assumptions, economic uncertainties are expected to continue to hover around 17%.

***On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Elyse Burden, the Board unanimously approved the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report for SIATech.***

**5. Approved SIATech Academy South 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report**

Tom Renner provided the Board with an update on revenue and expense projections. He noted the 2023-24 funding is based on 125 ADA, with no change from the adopted budget,

although enrollment is up. Overall projected revenue increased by 36k, and expenditures increased by \$93k. An additional 17 ADA is needed to eliminate future deficits. An ADA boost of 10 is estimated over the next two years. The projected ending fund balance is \$61k less than the adopted budget, and economic uncertainties decreased from 48% to 29%.

***On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Erica Alfaro, the Board unanimously approved the 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Report for SIATech Academy South.***

## **V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

### **6. Superintendent's Report**

#### **a. Strategic Planning Committee**

Terrance Mims reviewed the approach to the next 3-year Strategic Plan for SIATech, which includes a team of ESC consultants to serve as an objective strategic resource to advance the mission. It is recommended that SIATech create a planning committee to include the Board Chair, Dr. Mims, Executive Team Members, and one additional Board Member. Email Joe Herrity or Terrance Mims if you want to join the Strategic Planning Committee.

#### **b. Legislative Affairs Update (highlights)**

- State Budget Outlook
  - (a) 2024-25 Governor's Budget releases January 10, 2024
- Federal Update
  - (a) Operating under a short-term continuing resolution through November 17, 2023
- CA State Board of Education
  - (a) CA Schools Dashboard returns to performance levels (colors)
  - (b) LCAP template update
- On the Horizon 2024
  - (a) Career Education State Masterplan to be developed by October 1, 2024
  - (b) Protection of Proposition 98 (minimum funding levels for schools)

## **VI. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION**

### **7. Nomination/Election of Officer for 2023-2024**

#### **a. Secretary**

- i. Email Joe Herrity or Terrance Mims if you are interested in serving as Board Secretary.

### **8. Discussed The Relationship Between SIATech and RAPSA**

Terrance Mims provided an overview of the relationship between SIATech and RAPSA. He discussed RAPSA's mission and focused on supporting educators in establishing equitable schools and systems, particularly for At-Promise students. RAPSA's Annual Forum will be held in early November at the Coronado Marriott.

9. Calendar – *for information*

10. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **January 16, 2024**

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. Nomination/Election of Officer for 2023-2024
  - o Secretary

VII. **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD** – None

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** – 3:39 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez

  
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Asha' Jones, Secretary

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Date