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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
February 16, 2021**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS

Terrance Mims called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m. In addition to Terrance Mims, board members present virtually were Michael Fickel; Don Haught; Francisco Sanchez; Jane Ross; Esmeralda Lopez and Bobbie Arterberry III. Other participants include central office and site staff.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion from Michael Fickel and seconded by Esmeralda Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as posted.

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for February 16, 2021
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021
3. Comprehensive School Safety Plan for SIATech
4. Comprehensive School Safety Plan for SIATech Academy South

RECEIVED

5. Monthly Financials through January 31, 2021 (included in 2nd Interim Reports)
6. Annual FPPC Form 700 (Conflict of Interest) **board members to complete**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

7. Student Speaker – Bobbie Arterberry III

Bobbie Arterberry III introduced Genesis, SIATech Indio student who spoke about her experience at SIATech. Genesis was attracted to SIATech due to the accelerated graduation prospect. She also liked the flexibility to work at her own pace. Weekly Tuesday meetings occur and her teacher communicates on a regular basis to help with motivation. Plans after high school include studies at a 4-year university with a major in zoology. Genesis applied to 9 schools in total and has been accepted to Chico State and San Francisco State as of now.

V. BUSINESS SERVICES

8. Received 2019-20 Annual Audit

Andrew Park with Eide Bailly presented the 2019-20 Annual Audit. He made reference to a few material differences, although not to be alarmed about. The audit is an unqualified report meaning there were no audit findings. The audit includes both SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charters.

The Board acknowledged receipt of the 2019-20 Annual Audit as presented.

9. Approved 2nd Interim Report for SIATech including monthly Financials

Tom Renner reviewed the financials through January 31 and two years out based on assumptions. Revenues are based on last fiscal year due to the hold harmless provision in the current year and expenditures well within Budget Revise #1 levels. There are no adjustments to the current budget are needed at this time. The 2020-21 adopted budget was based on 1,081 ADA and revised #1 budget at 1,121. Economic uncertainties level is at 15%.

On a motion from Francisco Sanchez and seconded by Michael Fickel, the Board unanimously approved the 2nd Interim Report for SIATech as presented.

10. Approved 2nd Interim Report for SIATech Academy South including monthly Financials

Tracy Brown presented the SIATech Academy South 2nd Interim Report to the Board. Enrollment & ADA projections remain the same due to guaranteed funding for the 2020-21 school year. Static enrollment % ADA projected for 2021-22 with a 5% increase for 2022-23. Economic uncertainties level is at 65%.

On a motion from Michael Fickel and seconded by Francisco Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved the 2nd Interim Report for SIATech Academy South as presented.

11. Approved E-Rate Vendor Selection for FY 2021-22

Mark Kiker reviewed the vendor proposals with the Board. He provided a breakdown of the discount percentages ranging from 60-90%. Contracts for services include data transmission services and internet access, internal connections (network hardware), and managed internal broadband services (wireless).

On a motion from Bobbie Arterberry III and seconded by Francisco Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved the Vendor Selections for FY 2021-22 as presented.

VI. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

12. Superintendent's Report

a. CTE Program Update

Debra DiBiase presented on the SIATech Career Technical Education. There is a great need for students to identify a post-secondary plan. She highlighted the gaps, opportunities and needs. Jane Ross, Bobbie Arterberry III and Francisco Sanchez agreed to be part of the CTE Ad Hoc steering committee.

b. Community Engagement Framework

Nicole Taylor talked about the need to establish a steering committee and a task force to build an effective community engagement strategy. We are currently working with principals and lead teachers to determine a needs assessment to help with the framework and action plan. SIATech is also in the process of hiring a community engagement coordinator. Our goal is to increase wrap-around services and increase community and family participation. Esmeralda Lopez, Francisco Sanchez and Michael Fickel agreed to be part of the Community Engagement Ad Hoc steering committee.

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

13. Approved/Reseated Board Member Michael Fickel

On a motion from Esmeralda Lopez and seconded by Francisco Sanchez, the Board unanimously approved Michael Fickel to serve another 3-year term.

14. Discussed Board Work Session

The Board selected March 3, 2021 from 8:00am – 10:00am for the Board Work Session to review the SIATech Strategic Plan.

15. Calendar of Upcoming Events – *for information*

16. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **March 16, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. Return to Job Corps Sites
- c. Instructional Update

VIII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – Michael Fickel shared that tomorrow is Cisco's birthday.

Francisco Sanchez asked about upgrades to the classrooms. Tom Renner noted a needs analysis is being worked on with the principals as part of the budget process. Ed Brown suggested reaching out to the landlords for their support with maintenance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:09 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Don Haught, Board Secretary



Date