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**MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools
April 20, 2021**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS

Chairman Fickel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chairman Fickel, board members present virtually were Terrance Mims; Don Haught; Francisco Sanchez; Esmeralda Lopez; Jane Ross and Bobbie Arterberry III. Other participants include central office and site staff.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion from Terrance Mims and seconded by Esmeralda Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as posted; item #4 was been pulled by Board Chair Fickel for discussion.

APPROVED

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for April 20, 2021
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2021

RECEIVED

3. Monthly Financials through March 31, 2021
4. Student Teaching Agreement

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Community members pointed out their concerns of a cannabis retail license application at a location approximately 500 feet from SIATech's site at the Los Angeles Job Corps.

IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

5. Student Speaker

Cruzelena Sillas from the South Bay site spoke about her involvement while joining the virtual reading group. She had an opportunity to meet Matt de la Pena, local author of *We Were Here* during the virtual book club. Her biggest takeaway was that she was able to connect with the real life experiences in the stories of the book.



V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD

6. Superintendent's Report

a. Equity Audit

Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong presented the final report to the Board. The steering committee's worked to elevate SIATech as a culturally responsive organization dedicated to equitable outcomes and experiences for all stakeholders. The quantitative and qualitative data includes surveys, student achievement and enrollment data, meetings, and focus groups with various stakeholders. Recommendations include policy development and implementation, professional development, progress monitoring through data collection, and partnerships.

b. Return to Work Site and In Person Instruction

Terrance Mims provided an update on where we are with returning to in-person by May 17th.

- Criteria for returning to in-person has been established including PPE, signage posted for COVID-19 protocols, student/teacher ratios, and a cleaning schedule is in place.
- Central office resumption planning in progress.
- Terrance is in the process of conducting site visits to help assess site needs.

c. Strategic Plan Review

Terrance Mims went over the SIATech Strategic Plan for 2021-2024.

d. LCAP Update

Liz Hessom reviewed the accountability plan timelines due to COVID-19 and where we are currently at in the process.

- Annual Update due 7/1/2021
 - Local indicators shared in conjunction with the LCAP
 - Local board adoption on or before July 1, 2021
 - Submit to COE within 5 days of governing board adoption
 - Post to webpage
- The LCAP goals will be derived from the strategic plan. The strategic plan serves as our SPSA.
- A parent survey has been developed and will be administered prior to the May board meeting.
- At the next board meeting, data and stakeholder feedback from the LCAP will be presented at the public hearing.

e. Discussed Steering Committee Recommendations on Suicide Policy & Procedures

Nicole Taylor stated the SIATech mental health steering committee has worked to review our existing suicide prevention policy and have developed recommendations to better serve our students. Board approval for the revised suicide prevention policy, procedures, and guidelines to follow in the next few months.

VI. BUSINESS SERVICES

7. Preliminary Budget Discussion

Tom Renner reviewed the FY 2021-2022 preliminary budget.

- Principal site gap analysis
 - Staffing needs, furniture replacement, facility needs and repair, technology, and COVID-19 supplies
 - Going through requests with facilities and technology departments
- Projected 2021-2022 ADA = 1004
- Staffing and positions added to projection
- COVID & Learning Loss Resources
 - PPE, ESSER I, ESSER II, and Expanded Learning Opportunity (ELO) Grant
- Economic uncertainties reserve = \$2.9m (16% level)
- South Sacramento enrollment and ADA projections
 - Year 1 Budget = 120, Actual = 20 ADA
 - Year 2 Budget = 145, Actual = 41 ADA
 - Year 3 Budget = 170, Actual = 41 ADA
 - Closure of South Sacramento will take place at the end of this FY
 - SIATech staff member Dylan Besk talked about her views of the South Sacramento closure.

VII. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION

8. Calendar of Upcoming Events – *for information*

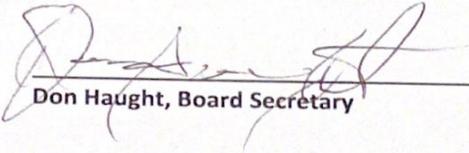
9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **May 18, 2021 5:00 p.m.**

- a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
- b. LCAP – SIATech and SIATech Academy South
- c. **Approve** Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant (ELO)
- d. CTE Program Planning
- e. Return to Work Site and In Person
- f. Strategic Plan

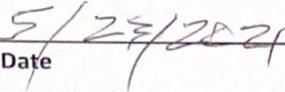
VII. **REMARKS FROM THE BOARD** – Board member Lopez thanked Dylan Besk for humanizing the South Sacramento circumstances. Board member Sanchez inquired about the SIATech staffing model.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:51 p.m.

Recorder: Pricilla Perez



Don Haight, Board Secretary



Date