

**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS November 06, 2024**

Approval Motion: Debra Webb

Second: Joseph Cipres

Ayes: 4/5

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *Absent*

Gary McCloskey - *aye*

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Leads Pledge: *Marcella Nino*

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS

None

5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION

- a. Budget/School Report:** *Cory Cavanaugh reports there is no budget update this meeting.*

James Mays presents an update on the renewal and the petition that was delivered to Julian USD. Wednesday of next week James and Alex will be presenting to JUESD. James presents a video and a data presentation that will be used for the renewal.

- b. Resignation of Board Member Chad Leptich:** *Alex Soriano communicated the resignation of Chad Leptich effective immediately.*

- c. Board Governance Handbook [LINK](#):** *Alex Soriano presents a draft handbook that will be used to drive the structure, communication and norms of the BEST Academy board. It will be updated with feedback from all board members.*

6. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board considers all matters under the consent agenda to be routine and will be approved, ratified, and enacted in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a board member for further discussion or removed from the

agenda, there will be no more discussion on these items prior to the Board vote.
Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Approval Motion: Joseph Cipres

Second: Marcella Nino

Ayes: 4/5

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Chad Leptich - absent

Gary McCloskey - aye

a. Approval of the Minutes:

b. Check Register: *Check Registers*

c. Expense Reports: *Reimbursements*

d. Routine Contract Renewals: *Routine Contract Renewal*

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Informed K12 Proposal [LINK](#)

i. Approval established workflow automation and digital forms to automate school business processes

James Mays presents the digitizing of our internal forms that can create more efficient communication and information in our organization. The starter program will be used at this time.

Approval Motion: Debra Webb

Second: Marcella Nino

Ayes: All

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Chad Leptich - n/a

Gary McCloskey - aye

b. Riverside County Office of Education Memorandum of Understanding [LINK](#)

i. Approval continues the relationship for the Teacher Induction Program to support our teachers to clear their credential

Alex Soriano explains that this is a continuation of the relationship with RCOE to provide an online program for our teacher employees to clear their credentials. The contract is a three year contract. BEST currently has 2 candidates attending.

Approval Motion: Debra Webb

Second: Joseph Cipres

Ayes: all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Chad Leptich - n/a

Gary McCloskey - aye

9. BOARD COMMENTS:

[Gary McCloskey](#) *Thanks Chad for all his service and glad will still be part of the community.*

Chad Leptich updates the board for the reason for the resignation.

10. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

James Mays thanks Chad for all the support over the years.

Alex thanks the SPED department and Celeste Danner for the effective management of the program and families.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

- August 21, 2024 Organizational Meeting
- October 2, 2024, Brown Act Training

- November 6, 2024
- December 4, 2024
- February 5, 2025
 - *February 26, 2024 added*
- *March 5, 2025 Canceled*
- April 2, 2025
- May 7, 2025
- June 4, 2025
- June, 2025 Graduation

[Gary McCloskey](#) goes over the calendar of upcoming dates. Gary asks for a motion.

Approval Motion: Marcella Nino **Second:** Debra Webb **Ayes:** all

Meeting Adjourned at 11:24 am

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Chad Leptich - n/a

Gary McCloskey - aye