



**B.E.S.T. ACADEMY MINUTES:
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS June 13, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the “**Board**”) of Brookfield Engineering Science and Technology Academy Charter School (“**B.E.S.T.**” or the “**School**”) was held on Wednesday,

Directors Present in Person: Joseph Cipres, Chad Leptich, Marcella Nino, and Gary McCloskey

Directors Absent: Ognen Nastov

Also Present: James “Jim” Mays, Alex Soriano, Cory Cavanah, Joel Manwarren, Debra Webb, and Donna Colbert

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Board President Joseph Cipres called the meeting to order at 10:30AM A quorum of the directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** *It is recommended by the Board of Directors, adopt as presented, the agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of June 13, 2023.*

Approval Motion: Chad Leptich **Second:** Gary McCloskey **Ayes:** All

2.1 Roll Call

Edward Singh - *absent*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Ognen Nastov - *aye*

Chad Leptich - *aye*

Gary McCloskey - *aye*

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by: Gary McCloskey

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS**

None

5. **CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION**

- a. Budget/School Update: No updates at this time.
- b. Board Member Stipend Resolution: Mr. Soriano discussed bringing the Board Member Stipend Resolution back to the August Board meeting after discussing with legal counsel.
- c. 2023-2024 Professional Development: Mr. Mays presented the dates for the 2023-2024 Professional Development as August 29- 31, 2023. Location to be determined.
- d. Board Member Resignation: Mr. Soriano discussed the letter of resignation from Board Member Ognen Nastov effective July 1, 2023.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR

All matters under the consent agenda are considered by the Board 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 Board vote. Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Approval Motion: Chad Leptich **Second:** Gary McCloskey **Ayes:** All

6.1 Roll Call

Joseph Cipres - aye
Ognen Nastov - absent
Chad Leptich - aye
Gary McCloskey - aye

a. Approval of the Minutes: *Board Meeting of June 7, 2023*

b. Check Register: *Check Registers*

c. Expense Reports: *Reimbursements*

d. Routine Contract Renewals: *Routine Contract Renewal*

7. ACTION ITEMS

a. Board Member Election

- i. Approval adds Marcella Nino as a board member, effective immediately.**

Approval Motion: Gary McCloskey **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1a Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Joseph Cipres - aye

b. 2023-24 Adopted Budget and Multi-Projection

i. Approval established 2023-24 Adopted Operating Budget for BEST Academy that aligns with the LCAP.

Mr. Cavanah displayed 2023-24 Adopted Budget and Multi-Projection for Board approval.

Approval Motion: Gary McCloskey **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1b Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres – aye

c. Creative Back Office Renewal Contract

i. Approval renews contract with financial and compliance services

Mr. Mays presented the Creative Back Office Renewal Contract for Board approval.

Approval Motion: Chad Leptich **Second:** Gary McCloskey **Ayes:** All

7.1c Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

d. Learning Control and Accountability Plan 2023

i. Approval establishes a three-year plan that describes the goals, actions, services, and expenditures to support positive student outcomes that address state and local priorities.

Mr. Mays presented the Learning Control and Accountability Plan 2023 for Board approval.

Approval Motion: Chad Leptich **Second:** Marcella Nino **Ayes:** All

7.1d Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres – aye

e. 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2023_SPSA

i. Approval establishes the school’s cycle of continuous improvement of student performance.

Mr. Manwarren displayed the 2023-2024 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) 2023_SPSA. Board approval establishes the school’s cycle of continuous improvement of student performance.

Approval Motion: Marcella Nino **Second:** Chad Leptich **Ayes:** All

7.1e Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres – aye

f. Board Member Election

i. Approval adds Debra Webb as a board member, effective July 1, 2023

Approval Motion: Gary McCloskey **Second:** Marcella Nino **Ayes:** All

7.1f Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres – aye

8. BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Leptich expressed his appreciation to the BEST Academy staff for the 2023

Graduation ceremony. Mr. Cipres echoed Mr. Leptich's sentiments on the wonderful high school graduation. Additionally, Mr. Cipres thanked the BEST Academy Executive Directors for their leadership. Mr. McCloskey also applauded the teamwork for the senior graduation.

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Mays expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Navarro for her work on the graduation and to Mr. Soriano for his partnership. Mr. Soriano thanked Mrs. Navarro as well for a great graduation production. Mr. Soriano thanked Mr. Manwarren for his recent work on the SPSA and graduation simultaneously. Additionally, Mr. Soriano expressed his thanks to the board members, Edward Singh and Ognen Nastov, who have resigned, for their service to BEST Academy.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

10.1a Roll Call

Chad Leptich - aye

Gary McCloskey - aye

Ognen Nastov - absent

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres – aye

Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:

Meeting adjourned 1:32pm

Chad motioned to adjourn, Gary second.