



MEETING HELD AT:

Mevers School of Excellence and via ZOOM

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

	PRESENT	NOT PRESENT	TERM EXPIRATION DATE
Stewart Weinberg President	X		May 2022
Cheryl Hollis Vice-President	X		May 2021
Jeff Hajek Treasurer	X		March 2021
Sandy Hightower Secretary	X		May 2021
Joseph Bowers Director	X	X	May 2022
Henry Brown Director	X		May 2022
Maria Sweet Director		X	May 2021

NON-BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

1. Brenda Coyle, Principal – Mevers School of Excellence
2. Corbet Wilson, VP of Educational Accountability & Strategy – CSUSA
3. Renee Michels-Ford, Carolina State Finance Director – CSUSA
4. Bill Roach, State Director & Founding principal of BPA – CSUSA

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- CALL TO ORDER
Pursuant to public notice, Board President, Stewart Weinberg called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- ROLL CALL
Roll call was held, and quorum was established.

II. ADMINISTRATIVE

- APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
MOTION: Motion was made by Sandy Hightower and seconded by Jeff Hajek to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 22,2021 MEETING MINUTES
MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl Hollis and seconded by Jeff Hajek to approve the April 22, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

III. CSUSA REPORTS

1. Mevers Principal Report
Principal Brenda Coyle reported updates on the 2020-21 budget, grants, marketing, Special Education, COVID, Enrollment (both current and for 2021-22 school year), and then discussed the spring survey results from the staff, parents, and students.
2. Berkeley Preparatory Academy Principal Report
Dr. Roach gave an update on Berkeley Prep. He stated that the mascot reveal was held on May 18th and was a huge success. BPA’s mascot, as voted on by the families, will be the



Bulldogs. Dr. Roach talked about continuing efforts with marketing and meeting the needs of the incoming families. Dr. Roach stated that to date BPA has 612 enrolled for the 2021-22 school year.

3. Financials

Stewart Weinberg shared with the board that the BCEA would still not be paying any CSUSA fees, but have been paying 3rd party vendors. Cheryl Hollis asked how we can stay within our budget. Renee Michels-Ford shared that it is a conversation between the school and CSUSA finance department about expenditures and if they are within the budget. The question was asked if we are competitive with neighboring districts. Dr. Roach shared that we are competitive for teachers with less experience, but for teachers with 10 or more years of experience we are not due to the retirement system and not having a salary schedule. Dr. Corbet Wilson also shared that most teachers don't come because of the retirement option unless they are looking for upward mobility. Stewart Weinberg talked about a surplus with the operational fund allows opportunities for funding teachers at a higher level. Cheryl Hollis asked what the average merit raise was for this past year. Mrs. Coyle shared that it was two percent.

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl Hollis and seconded by Sandy Hightower to approve the financials for April. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Board elections

Stewart Weinberg explained that the elections and voting closed at 5pm on May 22, 2021. The board appointed two directors to the board: Cheryl Hollis and Jeff Hajek were the two board members appointed.

MOTION: Motion was made by Sandy Hightower and seconded by Henry Brown to accept the recommendation to appoint Cheryl Hollis and Jeff Hajek to the board for another term. Motion passed unanimously.

Two new board directors were elected by the parents and staff of Mevers. The newly elected directors were - Sandy Hightower and Danielle Statler. Danielle was unable to be present at the meeting. (Election results attached to minutes)

2. Preliminary 2021-22 budgets for Mevers and BPA were presented

Renee Michels-Ford went through both schools' budgets with the board. Stewart Weinberg asked Dr. Roach to ask Erskine what the BSC would be for next year. Stewart asked that the line bonuses be changed to admin bonuses. Stewart asked that the budgets be submitted to the board two weeks before the next meeting so the board would have time to review.

3. MSE and BPA 2021-22 school calendars were presented

MOTION: Motion was made by Sandy Hightower and seconded by Jeff Hajek to approve Mevers 2021-22 school calendar. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl Hollis and seconded by Sandy Hightower to approve Berkeley's 2021-22 school calendar. Motion passed unanimously.



V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion was made by Cheryl Hollis and seconded by Jeff Hajek to adjourn the meeting of the Berkeley Charter Education Association. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, June 24, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Mevers School of Excellence