

MINUTES
of the meeting of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS of Heritage Heights Academy
April 14, 2016

The Board of Directors of Heritage Heights Academy of Colorado held a public meeting on April 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at 6105 S. Main Street, Suite 200, Aurora, CO 80016.

1. Call to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Jennifer Gibbons at 6:18 p.m. Present were Board Members Jennifer Gibbons, Deleen Stallings, Karen Lee-Toy, Peggy Downs, and Kristen Ivory.

Not present were Board members Susan Hartley and Jessica Price.

Also present was Academica Nevada Representative Joani Williams.

2. Public Comments and Discussion.

No member of the public requested to comment at this time.

4. Review and/or Update on CCSD Charter Contract.

Ms. Joani Williams addressed the Board and stated that Mr. Tim Farmer had inquired as to where they stood with the CCSD charter contract and had not heard anything back, adding that Mr. Farmer planned inquire further. With the deadline being May 8, Ms. Williams stated that they would need to schedule a board meeting for the first of May.

5. Facility Update and Letter of Intent Review.

Ms. Williams stated that they had received an initial lease agreement from The Edge church, adding that it had been reviewed by Mr. Farmer and Mr. Reeves who had requested some changes in order to abide by some TABOR laws regarding public records, as well as a request to pay rent monthly. Member Gibbons asked if there was language in the lease about getting in early for construction, to which Ms. Williams replied in the affirmative, adding that the church would need to approve the plans once the architects had drawn them up. Ms. Williams stated that it would be a year to year lease, as a two year lease could not be entered into.

6. Principal Job Offer and Recommendation for HHA Hiring Committee.

Ms. Williams stated that each Board member had a chance to meet with Natalia Miller-Forrest. Member Lee-Toy stated that she had a good conversation with Ms. Miller-Forrest and that it seemed like she would be a good fit. Member Gibbons stated that she was pleased with how each Board member had positive things to say about Ms. Miller-Forrest in whatever individual strength she was looking for. Member Stallings stated that she had emailed with Ms. Miller-Forrest and felt like she got the answers she was looking for.

Ms. Williams stated that she had spoken with Ms. Miller-Forrest, who was anxiously awaiting the decision of the Board, and who had already begun enrolling her own children in a school in the area. Ms. Williams further stated that Ms. Miller-Forrest had some questions about Academica which she was able to answer. Ms. Miller-Forrest also asked if she could get a copy of the budget and an idea of hiring salaries, to which Ms. Williams had indicated that she would get that information to Ms. Miller-Forrest. Ms. Miller-Forrest also wanted to know if there would be room in the budget for an Assistant Principal, to which Ms. Williams had stated that for the first year there would not be room in the budget; however, there could be a lead teacher. Ms. Williams further stated that they had received at least forty teacher applications and Ms. Miller-Forrest had received a login to the Teachers-to-Teachers website so that she might begin the hiring process.

Member Gibbons Moved to Approve the hiring of Natalia Miller-Forrest as the Principal for Heritage Heights Academy. Member Stallings Seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to Approve.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes from the March 30, 2016 Board Meeting.

Member Gibbons Moved to Approve the minutes from the March 30, 2016 board meeting. Member Stallings Seconded the Motion, and the Board voted unanimously to Approve.

7. Public Comment and discussion.

No member of the public requested to comment at this time.

8. Adjournment.

Member Gibbons Moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Member Stallings Seconded the Motion, and the Board unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on: _____

Secretary of the Board of Directors
Heritage Heights Academy of Colorado