

EDGE for Educational Excellence, Inc.
Board Meeting
June 25, 2020
3:00 PM
Putnam EDGE High School
200 South 7th Street, Palatka, FL 32177

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Freeman at 3:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Attendance: Pat Freeman, Shirley Eubanks, Deborah Hess and Julie Pinner.
- IV. Public Comments:
None stated
- V. Consent Agenda
Ms. Freeman asked if anyone wanted any items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. None was requested. Ms. Pinner made a motion to approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Eubanks. All voted "Yes". Motion passed.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. Update on School Improvement Plan - Dr. Swift
Dr. Swift reported that there are no changes at this time.
 - B. Update on UniSig Grant - Dr. Swift
Dr. Swifts that EDGE will receive approximately \$22,000 in grant funds for the upcoming school year.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Financial Reports
 1. Discussion/Action on May Financials
Ms. Pinner made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Motion seconded by Ms. Hess. All voted "Yes". Motion carried.
 2. Discussion/Action on continued engagement of SAME, Inc. for financial services.
Ms. Pinner and Ms. Hess expressed positive support for the continuation of SAME, Inc. The overall financial management has significantly improved and are pleased with the level of reporting with the financials. Ms. Pinner made a motion to renew the agreement as submitted through June 2023 with a second from Ms. Hess. All voted 'Yes'. Motion passed.

3. Discussion/Action on Draft Budget for FY 2020-2021

Ms. Freeman informed the board that we have not yet received any notification from the State regarding the FTE allocation for the upcoming school year. The governor announced minimum pay level for teachers at \$47,000 which will also have an impact on the budget.

Ms. Freeman asked that we table a decision on the proposed budget at this time until we receive more information from the DOE. Ms. Pinner made a motion to table action on the draft budget until we have more information. A second was made by Ms. Eubanks. All voted 'Yes'. Motion passed

4. Status of funds from the Cares Act

Dr. Swift reported that the funds are being used for payroll and related costs.

B. Renaissance Testing Program

Dr. Swift presented the renewal contract for testing services through Renaissance. Ms. Pinner made the motion to renew the contract for 20-21 with a second by Ms. Hess. All voted 'Yes'. Motion passed.

C. The Board reviewed the two proposals for Curriculum for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Swift reported he had concerns regarding continuation with Apex and suggested that we consider changing to Edgenuity. Edgenuity offers additional services and support. It is also less costly than Apex. Ms. Pinner made the motion to have Edgenuity as the Curriculum platform with a second by Ms. Hess. All voted 'Yes'. Motion passed

D. Ms. Freeman made the board aware of a CSP grant that is now available to support Remote learning and access. Dr. Swift stated that it is only available to charter schools and that we meet the requirements to qualify. Ms. Pinner made the motion to authorize application for the CSP grant with a second by Ms. Hess. All voted 'Yes'. Motion passed

E. There was no discussion regarding the Calendar for 20-21. Ms. Pinner made the motion to adopt the calendar as presented with a second by Ms. Eubanks. All voted 'Yes'. Motion passed

VIII. Director's Report - Dr. Swift

A. Current enrollment is 57. Online registration is now available.

1. Recruitment Activities

Dr. Swift introduced Dr. Allen Hall with San Jose Charter Schools and the River City Educational Consortium in Jacksonville. They are interested in working with Putnam Edge to promote the school for the upcoming school year. Following their presentation, Ms. Freeman asked that they prepare a proposal for consideration.

B. Staffing - Changes/Open Positions

Dr. Swift reported that he has been conducting interviews but could not make final Commitments until we know more about the budget implications discussed earlier. He is looking for candidates for Biology and Math at this time.

C. School Events/Activities

Dr. Swift reported that he is having difficulty finding a location to hold Graduation because of the coronavirus and cleaning requirements. In addition, a few student have requested their diplomas for a variety of reasons. After some discussion, it was suggested that we hold the Graduation here at School in the Courtyard with a small reception to follow. Guests per student will need to be limited. Graduation is set for Friday July 17th. Dr. Swift will talk with students to set a time that is convenient.

D. Status of School Grade

Dr. Swift stated that no decision has been made by the State regarding the status of schools that have been under a SIP and have demonstrated improvement. Because of this, the DOE will accept applications for Capital Outlay Funds at this time from schools that fall in this gap.

E. School Opening

Dr. Swift reported that the PCSD is working on a plan for re-opening but that the Charter schools have not been included in this process.

IX. The Next Meeting Date is **Thursday July 30 2020 at 4:30** at Putnam EDGE High School Unless a Call/Emergency Meeting is needed.

X. The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm.