

EDGE for Educational Excellence, Inc.
Board Meeting
March 1, 2021
11:00 am
Putnam EDGE High School
200 South 7th Street, Palatka, FL 32177
Revised

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Pat Freeman at 11:05 am.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance/ Invocation by Ms. Eubanks
- III. Attendance: Pat Freeman, Shirley Eubanks and Deborah Hess were all present to have a quorum.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - Ms. Freeman asked if anyone wanted any items pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion. No items were asked to be pulled from the Consent Agenda.
 - Ms. Hess made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.. Ms. Eubanks seconded the motion. All voted Yes and the motion carried.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Status of Grants - Dr. Swift
 1. Unisig Grant - Have submitted January expenses to PCSD for reimbursement. Balance covers Salary expenses.
 2. CSP Grant has been approved & reward letter received. Last batch of laptops & carts ordered
 3. PPP Loan/Grant - Application for loan forgiveness has been submitted so that the loan can be converted to a grant.
 4. FEMA - Budget has been approved. Edge received about \$7,500 for cleaning supplies
 5. Title I Funds - Have requested FLDOE Mediation .
 6. Cares Grant - Reimbursement received & used to cover salaries for about \$32,000.
 - B. Executive Order 20-114/20-52 Section III Reporting Flexibility & Financial Continuity
 - Dr. Swift reported that funding has been cut significantly in violation of the Executive Order. Our only choice at this point is to request mediation through the FLDOE.

VI. New Business

A. Discussion/Action on Financial Report For January 2021

With no questions, Ms. Eubanks made a motion to accept the financial report as presented. Motion was seconded by Ms. Hess. All voted "YES" and the motion carried.

1. Discussion/Action on Application for Cares/PPP Funding Second Draw

Ms. Freeman reported that it appears that we will qualify for the PPP Loan/Forgiveness Program. Ms. Hess made a motion to submit the application. It is seconded by Ms. Eubanks. All voted "YES" and motion carried.

B. Status Update on request to amend the Charter Contract to transition the school to a Dropout Prevention Program under Section 1003.53 Florida Statutes.

PCSD held a Workshop on February 2 2021 where Dr. Swift provided a mid year update and answered questions related to the request to transition the school to a Dropout Prevention Program. In addition to Dr. Swift, Ms. Hess and Ms. Freeman were in attendance. From the discussion, it appears that the district has concerns about the impact on the graduation rate and loss of enrollment.

C. Discussion/Action on E-Rate Proposals for 2021-2022

The Board reviewed the proposals made by various companies. Computer Repair Services Provided a detailed proposal that also included maintenance. Comcast is also our current Internet provider. Ms. Eubanks made a motion to accept proposals from CRS and Comcast for the next school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hess. All voted "YES" and the motion carried.

D. Discussion/Action regarding Commitment Loans for the school

The board discussed the current financial status of the school since PCSD reduced the FEP funding in January. With the reduction and need for mediation, funds will be needed from the Commitment Loan Agreement to meet obligations. Funds were needed in mid February to cover payroll and again on March 1 to pay other bills. A date for mediation has not been set by DOE.

Ms. Eubanks made a motion to approve the February loan of \$10,000. The motion was Seconded by Ms. Hess. All voted "YES" and the motion carried.

Ms. Hess made a motion to approve the March 1 Loan of \$20,000. The motion was Seconded by Ms. Eubanks. All voted "YES" and the motion carried.

E. Discussion/Action on Teacher Bonus Payouts.

The board members discussed the options to pay out the teacher bonuses at this time. Ms. Freeman commented that it would be a financial hardship to retroactively pay the

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Teachers back to August at this time. Other board members agreed. Ms. Eubanks made a Motion to payout the bonuses over the next four months beginning with the March 15th payroll. Ms. Hess seconded the motion. All voted "YES" and the motion carried.

VII. School Director's Report - Dr. Swift

A. Status of Enrollment for 20-21 - 73 students loss 1 to PHS and 2 moved out of the area

Dr. Swift commented that he continues to work with Dr. Hall and the marketing team. Work is being done to update the website at this time.

B. Changes/Open Positions - No changes or open positions at this time. The Teacher Recruitment Fair has been cancelled.

C. School Events/Activities - Dr. Swift reported that SATs will be March 3rd. Edge currently Has 16 students scheduled to graduate. Dr. Swift said that several are not logging in or doing the work and may need to return to onsite classes.

D. School ReOpening Update - Edge has not had any reported cases of the CVirus to date.

VIII. Next meeting date:

The update for the Financial CAP will be held on Thursday, March 25th in conjunction with the Regular monthly Board Meeting. The meeting will start at 1pm

Both meetings will be held at the School in the Board Room/Auditorium and open to the public.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:20 pm