

Escuela Éxitos
Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: September 16, 2024

Meeting Time: 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: 4741 Zealand Ave. N – New Hope

<https://meet.google.com/vbw-ipyi-oww?hs=122&authuser=1>

Board Members Present: Colleen, Dana, Sam

Board Members Absent: Carmen, Ingris

School Officials Present: Luis

Others Present: Shannon Benalshaikh

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Sam 4:49PM.

2. Roll Call

Sam, Colleen and Carmen were all present. Dana and Ingris are absent.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

The board members reviewed the agenda. Colleen declared there might be a conflict of interest regarding the budget update as it relates to hiring a part-time SPED teacher who would assist her. Otherwise, Sam, Colleen, and Carmen all declared no other contract of interest.

4. Approve Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was moved by Colleen and seconded by Carmen. The motion carried.

5. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes was moved by Colleen and seconded by Carmen. The motion carried.

6. Budget Update

The board granted approval for Luis to hire a 0.5 FTE SPED teacher at \$25-30/hour pending analysis of the budget.

The motion to grant this approval as described above was moved by Carmen and seconded by Sam. Colleen abstained out of potential conflict of interest as she is the full-time SPED teacher. The motion carried.

7. IT Contract

The motion to approve the contract between EE and Innotech-XSP was made by Colleen and seconded by Carmen. The motion carried.

8. New Business / Updates

Luis presented the following updates:

- The audit for the 2022-23 school year is complete (with the exception of some contracts which need to be collected).
 - We are on track to start the 2023-24 audit and have it completed by MDE's December deadline.
 - Shannon has been amazing to work with on this.
- The bus routes were redesigned to be more efficient. There have been some hiccups regarding the new routes and four students were unenrolled as a result.
 - The finalized contract with Bille Bus will be presented to the board next month.
- We completed last year with an enrollment of 257. We are now around 245, which was unexpected. Still, recruitment efforts continue.
- The construction of the shed is almost finished.
- The school is fully staffed. Luis and Colleen both expressed their pleasure in working with the group.

9. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

10. Close of Meeting

The motion to close the meeting was moved by Colleen and seconded by Carmen. The motion carried and Sam closed the meeting at 5:46PM.