

ED AHEAD BOARD MEETING

3025 N. Winstel Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85716

June 9, 2022 @ 11:30 AM

1. Call to Order, Role Call

The meeting was called to order at 11:41 AM by John Penczar
Members Present via Zoom: John T. Penczar, Angela Towner, David DeConcini
Present telephonically: Gary Best, Earl Doran
Absent:

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2022

Motion by Mr. Gary Best/second by Mr. David DeConcini - The Board unanimously voted to approve the minutes for Ed Ahead, Inc.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: John Penczar, David DeConcini, Gary Best, Earl Doran & Angela Towner

3. FY23 Budget (Discussion)

The Proposed Budget was shared with the Board. The budget is based on 50 students, same as previous year. We are getting some errors on one of the pages which Jack has contacted School Finance about. It will not change the budget as the other pages with the numbers are correct. The budget is similar to last year. Budget was reviewed page by page.

Motion by Mr. John Penczar/seconded by Mr. Gary Best to approve the proposed budget for FY23 with agreement that when the #ref errors on the BSA55 page are corrected a new copy will be sent to the Board members.

Nay Votes – 0; Yay Votes: John Penczar, David DeConcini, Gary Best, Earl Doran & Angela Towner

4. Update on ESSER Grant

The ESSER III Grant was a federal recover grant that we received to help deal with the ripple effects after the pandemic. These funds help to cover funding we are not getting due to low enrollment from the pandemic (many students switched and stayed with online learning) and provide the charter/school with more flexibility.

These funds can be used to help make necessary building improvements. We have been approved to replace the HVAC system for better ventilation and air purification, as well as putting in a misting system out in the patio area so that we can use that space more for instruction to help with social distancing when it is warm out.

We have been able to apply the funds to having interventionists working 1:1 or in small groups with students to bridge learning gaps.

No Motion Needed

5. Discussion and Approval of the Separation of the LEA & SEA Roles

LEA is the Local Education Agency (District) and the SEA is the State Education Agency (School)

A requirement of the state and Charter Board is that we have a clear separation of the LEA and SEA responsibilities. This is currently in place, but not formally. By formally creating this separation, there will be clearer boundaries for the school, staff and parents and the program will run smoother.

Programs such as Special Education, EL, Title Programs and other services provided to the students is under the LEA. The LEA coordinates with the SEA to provide these services. The LEA will continue to provide these services with input and direction from the SEA.

Motion by Mr. David DeConcini/seconded by Mr. Gary Best to approve the separation of roles/responsibilities between the LEA and SEA and to continue to let Jack and Angela work together to make this happen to best meet the needs of the school.

Nay Votes – 0; Yaw Votes: John Penczar, David DeConcini, Gary Best, Earl Doran & Angela Towner

6. Report on Accelerated Academies Summer Enrichment Program

One of the Federal grants that is directly funded by the Governor's office is the Accelerated Academies Grant. This grant will end in September 2022. So far, the grant has been utilized to purchase new libraries of books for all grade levels, books for students to take home to help encourage parental participation at home by reading with their child, new core curriculum for Math and ELA and to pay for teachers to do intervention work with students 1:1 after their contracted hours.

We are using the funds for our Summer Enrichment Program which started on June 6th and runs through July 1st. The funds are used to pay for the two teachers leading the camp as well as for reimbursement for food purchased to feed the students breakfast and lunch.

The Summer Enrichment Program is set up so that the students are participating in hands-on STEM/STEAM activities that reinforce Math and ELA concepts throughout the day with 1 paraprofessional and 1 teacher, which the other teacher is pulling either individual or small groups of students for instruction on specific Math and/or ELA standards. The teachers are doing pre/post tests each week to document the student progress. They are doing a block schedule with Math and ELA so the days alternate and focus on specific subjects both with the individual/small group instruction and the large group STEM/STEAM activities.

We had 12 students sign up and have had 9 students regularly show up.

No Motion Needed

7. Enrollment Budget Presentation and Approval

To help increase enrollment for the Fall, we will be sending out postcards (about 1090) that Angela created to help get our name and information out in the neighborhood. The boundaries are approximately Kleindale to Grant and Country Club to Columbus. We are working with Alphagraphics and they are supplying the mailing list that is updated monthly. We are having 1500 cards printed and the extra cards will be given out, leave at local businesses, etc. The cost is about \$1500.

Board was asked if they had any other ideas for enrollment. The postcard was shared so they could see how it will look.

Motion by Mr. John Penczar/seconded by Ms. Angela Towner to approve the budget for mailings to help increase enrollment and the use of additional funds for enrollment recruitment as needed.

Nay Votes – 0; Yaw Votes: John Penczar, David DeConcini, Gary Best, Earl Doran & Angela Towner

8. Set up Next Board Meeting

TBD – Late March

9. Call for Public Comment

No public comment.

10. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. John Penczar/seconded by Mr. David DeConcini - The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 12:23 PM.

Nay Votes – 0; Yaw Votes: John Penczar, David DeConcini, Gary Best, Earl Doran & Angela Towner