



**Thursday, April 8, 2021**

**School Board Meeting Minutes** *via Zoom*

MEETING PLACE: 321 E. Third St., Bethlehem, PA 18015 @ 6:00pm

The President called the meeting to order at 6:07pm.

**I. Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**

**II. Board Member Roll Call**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mario Acerra <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Braden <input type="checkbox"/> John Filipos	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Mueller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemary Murdy-Haber <input type="checkbox"/> Norma Nunez-Ruch	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Len Perrett <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Shipman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margaret Smith <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jasmine Woodson
<b>Administration:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MaryJo Rosania-Harvie, Co-Principal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Sheldon, Co-Principal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roobhenn Smith, Assistant Principal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dina Kovats-Bernat, Director Institutional Advancement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheryl Schurz, Director of Finance & Board Secretary		

**III. Executive Session:**

**Motion: The Board of Directors moves to go into Executive Session at 6:09pm for Personnel, Legal, and Property discussion.**

MM Shipman: SM: Murdy-Haber Motion Carried: Yes-6, No-0, Abstentions-0  
 (Mrs. Mueller arrived at 6:13pm)

**IV. Open Session:**

The Board of Directors returns to Open Session at 6:21 pm.

Opening Remarks:

- Mr. Acerra, Board President  
 President Acerra thanked the Board for their patience at last month's meeting. Congratulations to the Administration for their work on the Updated Safety Plan.
- Dr. Carise Comstock, Superintendent & CEO  
 Dr. Comstock thanked Mrs. Rosania-Harvie and Ms. Sheldon with their work with the Instructional Leadership Team and developing a return to school plan which is in the best interest of our students.

**V. Public Comments:** *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)* **None**

**Mission Statement**

The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts provides a unique environment that fosters a creative, rigorous academic approach to learning and a development of talents in the arts. Built on passion, discipline and a commitment to excellence, this integrative educational experience inspires all students to believe in who they are and in what they can accomplish.

**VI. Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items:**

- Acceptance of February 11, 2021, and March 25, 2021, Meeting Minutes
- Co-Principal and Departmental Reports
- Operations Report (Facilities, Safety, Grants, Media, Technology)

**Motion: The Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda.**

**MM: Perrett**

**SM: Murdy-Haber**

**Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0**

**VII. Old business**

Approval of Updated ByLaws

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Board Development Committee and Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors approves the updated ByLaws (first read).**

**MM: Board Development Committee**

**Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0**

**VIII. Personnel Report**

Approval of April 2021 Personnel Report

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the April 2021 Personnel Report.**

**MM: Murdy-Haber**

**SM: Shipman**

**Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0**

**IX. Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee report by John Filipos**

Acceptance of the February 2021 Financial Reports

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors accepts the February 2021 Financial Reports.**

**MM: Murdy-Haber**

**SM: Smith**

**Motion Carried: Yes-7, No-0, Abstentions-0**

**Introduction of Dina Kovats-Bernat, Dir of Institutional Development**

Dr. Comstock introduced Mrs. Kovats-Bernat. Mrs. Kovats-Bernat discussed the new "Cheers to You" Foundation fundraising event on June 12, 2021.

**Resource Development Committee report by Frank Shipman**

Acceptance of Tami Corwin's resignation from the Charter Arts Foundation Board.

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Resource Development Committee and the Superintendent & CEO, the Board of Directors accepts the resignation of Tami Corwin from the Charter Arts Foundation Board.**

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**Board Development Committee report by Paul Braden No Report**

**Curriculum Committee report by Len Perrett**

Acceptance of the Charter Arts Updated Health and Safety Plan: Spring 2021 and updated 2020-2021 school calendar.

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee and Administrative Team, the Board of Directors accepts the Updated Health and Safety Plan: Spring 2021 and updated 2020-2021 school calendar.**

**MM: Curriculum Committee**

**Motion Carried:Yes-7,No-0,Abstentions-0**

**X. New business**

Approval of Contracts

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the following contracts:**

**Lunar Audio Video - Administration withdrew from agenda**

**Service Electric**

**MM: Murdy-Haber**

**SM:Smith**

**Motion Carried:Yes-7,No-0,Abstentions-0**

Approval of Student Expulsion

**Motion: Based upon the recommendation of the Superintendent & CEO and the Co-Principals, the Board of Directors approves the expulsion of Student #11843.**

**MM: Perrett**

**SM: Woodson**

**Motion Carried:Yes-7,No-0,Abstentions-0**

**Act 39 of 2018**

- o Encourage schools to test for lead in their drinking water;
- o Require schools that do not test to discuss lead issues at a public meeting; and
- o Implement a plan if results exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) national primary drinking water standard of 15 parts per billion (ppb).

Our building water was last tested in May 2016. At that time, no lead was found since the building and pipes were all new construction. Our Director of Facilities will move forward with new testing to ensure that there is no lead present in our drinking water.

**XI. Public Comments:** *(limited to 3 minutes per individual)* None

**XII. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm.**

**MM: Mueller**

**SM: Shipman**

**Motion Carried:Yes-7,No-0,Abstentions-0**

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**Next Meeting Date and Time: Thursday, May 13, 2021, 6pm, ZOOM meeting.  
(Reorganization meeting).**

Respectfully Submitted,



Cheryl Schurz  
Board Secretary