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Meridian School
January 21, 2021
Agenda
Board Meeting
6:00 pm

Board Meeting

Order of Business

The Board intends to give citizens an opportunity to participate in the discussion of public business that is being considered and decided by the Board. In order to provide full information and the right of participation to the public, the following is the order of business for regular Board meetings. The presiding officer with the consensus of members present may change the order of business. Those interested in addressing the board may submit written comments to board@mwschool.org prior to 2:00pm Thursday January 21. Comments should be limited to items posted on the agenda and be a maximum of 450 words to meet the time allowance of three minutes. Comments that meet these criteria will be read aloud at the meeting under item 1. Public Comment.

Announcement by the chairperson as to the presence of a quorum and that the meeting has been duly called, and the notice of the meeting has been posted for time and in the manner required by law.

Governor Greg Abbott has waived the requirements of the Texas Open Meeting Act (TOMA) during the Covid-19 crisis. The board of Meridian World School previously approved a resolution to accept this and waive the requirements of the TOMA.

1. Public Comment (See above under Order of Business. Comments are limited to 3 minutes each with a total of 20 minutes total.)
2. Acknowledgement and Disposition of Communication Addressed to the Board.

Call to order / Pledge of Allegiance

3. **Meridian Moment** - Rick Fernandez, Head of School
4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Approval of previous minutes - [November 5, 2020](#), [December 1, 2020](#)
 - b. [Enrollment Report](#)

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Suggested Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

5. Review and possible approval to Change four (4) regular school days to four (4) asynchronous instruction days in the spring of 2021, Rick Fernandez, Head of School

Meridian World School will make February 1, 12, March 5, and April 30, 2021 asynchronous instructional days only. (Students from households unable to support asynchronous learning at home will be permitted to access on-campus instruction during these days.) Teachers will utilize lessons from our TEA Approved Asynchronous Plan on these days. Professional staff will use these four days to engage in professional development that will support compliance on STAAR, TELPAS, and reading academies. Professional staff will also use this time: to address our campus improvement plan initiatives such as; expanding our Social Emotional Learning strategies, revising our assessment policy, and focusing in on the student growth component of the Teacher Incentive Allotment.

Suggested Motion: To approve the Waiver to change four regular school days to four asynchronous instruction days in the spring of 2021.

6. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Overview and Update, Monique Swain, Director of Student Enrichment Services and DEI Coordinator, Karalei Nunn, Founder & COO

- a. Consultant selection and training schedule
- b. Current concerns within the Black community and steps taken/in process
- c. Vision statement draft and process of sharing with stakeholders

7. Review of 2020-2021 [1st QTR Financials](#), Eileen Kuhn, CFO

8. Review and possible approval of [2019-2020 Audit](#), Eileen Kuhn, CFO

Suggested Motion: To approve the 2019-2020 Audit.

9. Review and possible approval of a [Resolution on Employee Leave Due to Covid-19](#), Eileen Kuhn, CFO

Suggested Motion: To approve the Resolution on Employee Leave Due to Covid-19.

End of Agenda

Next Meeting:

Called Meeting: February 23, 2021

Regular Meeting: March 25, 2021

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Notable Dates/Activities

January	Student applications for 20-21 opened January 1 Audit submitted to State by Auditor January 31
February	Call for Board Nominations for open seats Student applications for lottery close February 28

Board Members & Terms

Ann Wink – President 2022
Paul Emerson - Vice-President 2023
Tadd Phillips – Secretary 2021
Sofia O'Malley – 2021
Alice Ortiz – 2023
Scott Duff – 2023
Tejal Bhalani - 2023