

LEMAN CLASSICAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.
AGENDA

The July 14, 2020 LCS Board Meeting was hosted over Zoom video conference. The meeting began at 6:07 a.m. Victoria Hostin presided at the meeting and noted that a quorum was present for the purpose of doing business; Greg Pritchard, Patrice Batchelor, Barry Arrington and Stacey Thomas were in attendance. Principal Jason Edwards, Lemman CEO, Katie Determan, and Julie Strzyzewski, Human Resources Manager also attended the meeting. The meeting also had a great showing of parents and staff. Approximately 35 people attended. The meeting began with the pledge of allegiance.

There were no public comments, however many parents and staff reached out with questions, which Ms. Hostin noted she will address during the discussion of the reopening plan.

The minutes from May 30, 2020 meeting were provided to board members and Dr. Edwards in advance of the meeting. Ms. Hostin moved to accept the minutes. Ms. Batchelor seconded the motion. A vote was taken: Arrington – yes, Batchelor – yes, Pritchard – yes, Thomas – Yes, and Hostin – yes.

APPROVED, the meeting minutes from the May 30, 2020 board of directors meeting.

Ms. Determan provided an update on legislative matters that have impacted the budget.

Ms. Hostin provided a construction update. Despite great speed and efficiency, Canyon has been met with delays that set September 25 as the date the building will be ready for inspection. Canyon will continue to collaborate with Parker to facilitate a timely inspection, but we are looking at about 6 weeks in one building. Dr. Edward provided an overview of how we will still fit into the building for the first few weeks of school.

Ms. Hostin opened the discussion about the Lemman Reopening Plan that was provided to the community along with the board materials, on Friday, July 10th. She gave a quick overview of the DCSD BOE meeting on July 13, 2020 and encouraged people to listen to the report Dr. Douglas gave to the DCSD Board. Additionally, Ms. Hostin stressed that any action taken this evening will not be set in stone; it will be fluid to account for the many changes to come.

Dr. Edwards reviewed the plan in detail stopping frequently to answer questions from board members. Given the number of questions – many of which generate more questions – Ms. Batchelor suggested a FAQ document is created. Dr. Edwards, Ms. Hostin and Ms. Batchelor agreed to collaborate on that document.

Mr. Arrington made the following motion: Dr. Edwards is authorized to proceed with the reopening plan as presented and he may change the plan as he sees fit, using his best judgment. A vote was taken: Arrington – yes, Batchelor – yes, Pritchard – yes, Thomas – Yes, and Hostin – yes.

APPROVED: The Lemman Academy 2020/2021 COVID reopening plan as presented with authorization granted to Dr. Edwards to make changes as he sees fit and using his best judgement.

Ms. Hostin initiated discussion regarding policies and asked board members to discuss the language of COVID related impacts resulting in policy or procedure. No action was taken on COVID policies as the board feels they are procedural in nature.

Ms. Hostin discussed the process of a first read on the Employee and Family Handbooks. The board set the next meeting date for the second read and action on the Employee and Family Handbooks: Thursday, July 23, 2020 at noon via Zoom.

Mr. Arrington raised one question about the viability / legality of a volunteer employee. Ms. Strzyzewski indicated that she would look into the possibility of that conflict. Ms. Hostin noted there were some clerical edits needed in the Family Handbook.

Ms. Hostin gave an update on the DCSD charter contract and renewal timeline. The renewal is being extended to 2022 to account for the one-year delayed opening. Waivers are still being discussed.

There was no new business.

Next Quarterly LCS Board Meeting scheduled for October 13, 2020.