

# **Advantage Academy of Hillsborough, Inc.**

**Advantage Academy of Hillsborough  
Channelside Academy of Math and Science  
Bell Creek Academy  
Bell Creek Academy High School  
Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science  
Independence Academy  
Orange County Preparatory Academy  
Riverview Academy of Math and Science  
Sunlake Academy of Math and Science  
Valrico Lake Advantage Academy  
Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**May 20, 2020**

## **Present at Meeting**

Patricia Rogers	Dr. Judith Moore
Detria Elsner	Jason Pfeffer
Jennifer Dean	Lauren Herbert
Charles Harris	Chentella Graham
Mike Strader	Dr. Margaret Fahringer
Brian Strader	Brittany Deen
Ken Green	Cristina Fuentes
Jill Balthazar	Lindsay Vanderbilt
Jay Drag	Lauren Denson
Keith Miller	Leslie Bennett
Jack Burkett	Katie Gray
Marcy Ringdahl	Tiffani Richmond
Anna Greenwood	

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Mr. Harris.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mrs. Rogers asked the Board to review the meeting minutes from the last governing board meeting and to approve or amend as needed. Ms. Dean motioned to approve the February 6 meeting minutes. Mrs. Elsner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

There were no public comments.

### **Principal Reports**

Advantage Academy of Hillsborough – Mr. Miller reported on the success of virtual learning and project-based learning by grade level. The teachers participate in virtual clubs and activities.

Valrico Academy – Ms. Herbert reported on the many activities going on at the school during virtual learning.

Hillsborough Academy of Math and Science – Ms. Deen reported she is conducting virtual interviews for next year and the school is still participating in many activities virtually including student of the month and reading to the students.

Riverview Academy of Math and Science – Mrs. Ringdahl reported enrollment at 763 and the school has a wait list. Mrs. Ringdahl reported the strong culture and bond the staff built during online learning.

Sunlake Academy of Math and Science – Dr. Moore reported enrollment at 704. She reported the students thrived in this new environment of online learning.

Channelside Academy of Math and Science/Middle School – Ms. Fuentes reported on the positive transition and teachers have gone above and beyond. The students participate in lunch bunch and fun Fridays.

Orange County Preparatory Academy – Ms. Graham reported on many of the activities at the school including the virtual projects and after-hours parent support team to assist with the transition.

Independence Academy – Mr. Burkett reported the school is at full capacity and they are receiving an influx of interest from parents. Mr. Burkett said they purchased new Independence Academy logo shirts for the staff.

Bell Creek Academy – Dr. Fahringer reported on the overwhelming support from parents during the transition. The students celebrated teacher appreciation week and are looking forward to celebrating graduations.

### **Information Items**

1. Recognition of 10 Year Employees – The governing board recognized the dedicated service of employees that have been with their respective schools for 10 years.
  - a. Monique Melton – Advantage Academy of Hillsborough
  - b. Raenette Cooper – Independence Academy
  - c. C. Malissa McNeely – Independence Academy
  - d. Donna Johnson – Independence Academy
  - e. E. Janie Jewell – Independence Academy
  - f. Patricia Peddy – Independence Academy
  - g. Sharon Little – Riverview Academy of Math and Science
  - h. Lauren Herbert – Valrico Academy
  - i. Jessica Dahlstrom – Valrico Academy

- j. Denise Carl – Valrico Academy
  - k. Denise Little – Valrico Academy
2. Mr. Strader reminded the Board that financial reports go out monthly. Any questions regarding financials may be directed to Ms. Jeannette Merced or to Mike Strader. The financial reports will need to be ratified at each board meeting moving forward in order to stay in compliance with the district.
  3. Ms. Richmond discussed the possibility of the flexible learning option when school reopens. The school may expand the current program using the RISE model.
  4. Mr. Green discussed the framework to school reopening using RISE – Restarting Through Innovative, Sustainable Education.
  5. Mr. Strader discussed the Agreement to Earn and Teacher Certification expirations extension approved by the State. The State is allowing extra time for the teachers listed to satisfy the requirements, Exhibit B.
  6. Mr. Strader introduced amendments and changes to the Threat Assessment Policy and Mental Health Plan and asked approval of same to be included in consent items.
  7. Brian Strader discussed the annual process of auditor selection and the auditor engagement letter.
  8. Mr. Strader discussed the FY 21 Budgets.
    - 7 a. Mr. Strader discussed the offer letter distributed to faculty. If legislation keeps the budget intact offer letters will be amended as necessary.
  9. Mr. Strader presented the recommended instructional materials to the board for approval.
  10. Brian Strader discussed the technology device loaner agreement given to parents when they received a school issued laptop for virtual learning.
  11. Mr. Drag discussed the uniform extension and using the old logo uniform shirts until it is depleted.
  12. The out of field waivers were presented to the board as Exhibit A, if any.
  13. Mr. Strader discussed a potential partnership for OCPA
  14. Mr. Strader discussed the Riverview Academy of Math and Science amendment start up grant.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Ratify Monthly Financial Reports.
2. Ratify Purchase Orders and Agreements.
3. Approve flexible learning Model, RISE and request for charter amendment.
4. Ratify FY20 Audit Engagement.
5. Approve FY21 Budgets.
6. Approve of Personnel Items – Waivers, Exhibit A, if any.
7. Approve Agreement to Earn and Teacher Certifications expiring, Exhibit B.
8. Approve recommended instructional materials, K-5; 6-12 and advanced.
9. Ratify student technology device – loaner agreement.
10. Authorize OCPA agreement with revision.
11. Approve amendments and changes to the Threat Assessment Policy and Mental Health Plan.
12. Approve amendment to Riverview Academy of Math and Science federal grant.

Mrs. Rogers asked for a motion to approve items 1-11 on consent agenda. Ms. Elsner moved to approve Items 1-11 and Ms. Dean seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Items Scheduled for Action and Discussion**

none

**Board Member Reports**

none

Meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

*Patricia Rogers*

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Approved by Board Chair

*10-10-2020*

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Date