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**MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SIATech, Inc.  
SIATech and SIATech Academy South Charter High Schools  
May 18, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME GUESTS**

*Chairman Fickel called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Chair recognized a quorum. In addition to Chairman Fickel, board members present virtually were Terrance Mims; Don Haught; Francisco Sanchez; Esmeralda Lopez; Jane Ross and Bobbie Arterberry III. Other participants include central office and site staff.*

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

*On a motion from Francisco Sanchez and seconded by Don Haught, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda as posted.*

**APPROVED**

1. Regular Meeting Agenda for May 18, 2021
2. Regular Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2021

**RECEIVED**

3. Monthly Financials through April 30, 2021

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**

**IV. BUSINESS/FINANCE**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – LCAP**

**Open Hearing: Time: 5:07 p.m.**

**No Public Comments**

**Closed Hearing: Time: 5:24 p.m.**

**5. Budget Update**

Tom Renner reviewed the preliminary budget and talked about the recently released Governor's May Revise. Increases in the employer contributions for CalSTRS and CalPERS as well as unemployment insurance have become solidified. Reduction in ADA projections from 1004 to 959 include the South Sacramento Annex closure. Other one time purposes in the

fund balance from past surpluses will be used to cover the deficit due to low ADA. Increases in normal step and class and health benefits have been added the budget.

**6. Approved Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO)**

Assembly Bill 86, COVID-19 relief package includes funding for ELO Grants. To be eligible to receive grant funding, we are required to adopt an Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan. This plan describes how the grant funds will be used to provide supplemental instruction and support to students, including those identified as needing academic, social-emotional, and other supports, including the provision of meals and snacks.

Stacey Wilkins, Nicole Taylor and Tom Renner provided an overview of the learning recovery plans for SIATech and SIATech Academy South to provide supplemental instruction and support to students. Expected grant amount for SIATech is \$1,050,904 and \$142,705 for SIATech Academy South.

***On a motion from Bobbie Arterberry III and seconded by Esmeralda Lopez, the Board unanimously approved the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO) for SIATech and SIATech Academy South as presented.***

**V. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

**7. Superintendent's Report**

a. CTE Program Planning

Debra DiBiase reported on the CTE evaluation and planning process, which includes the results of meetings, conversations and surveys over the past few months. CDE's measurement of outcomes was used to identify gaps or weaknesses. These areas include CTE course completions for independent study students, certifications, early college credit and programming equity. The five ways identified to address these gaps are standalone certifications, revise RLFRL, digital arts alternative, update senior projects and restructure CTE course sequences.

b. Return to Work Site and In Person Instruction

Terrance Mims stated we have now returned to our school sites and central office since the gradual reopening and delivery of PPE. The feedback received from staff has been positive thus far. Job Corps continues to return students in cohorts of 25. Kim Moore and staff are working with students at South Sacramento to complete the program for those eligible and transition others to local programs.

Mike Hadjiaghai provided an update on the cannabis shop application we were made aware by community members at the last board meeting. The potential location of the dispensary is near our Los Angeles Job Corps site. An ordinance in the city of LA states that cannabis shops cannot be located within 700 feet of schools, our measurement is 551 feet away from this proposed location. An opposition letter was sent to Councilmember Kevin de Leon and other agencies with an explanation of our concerns. A decision should be made on or around June 2, 2021.

**VI. BOARD DISCUSSION/ACTION**

8. Calendar of Upcoming Events – *for information*
  
9. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting – **June 15, 2021 5:00 p.m.**
  - a. Standard and Staff Reports to the Board
  - b. 2021-22 Budget Proposal – SIATech and SIATech Academy South
  - c. LCAP – SIATech and SIATech Academy South
  - d. Nomination/Election of Officers for 2021-2022
  - e. Adopt Board Meeting Calendar for 2021-2022
  - f. Board Evaluation
  - g. Board Retreat
  - h. Closed Session – Superintendent’s Evaluation

**VII. REMARKS FROM THE BOARD – None**

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

Recess to Closed Session at 6:37 p.m.

10. [ x ] Employee Evaluation pursuant to Gov. Code §54957 – *Superintendent’s Review*

Adjourn Close Session/Reconvene Open Session 7:48 p.m.  
Report of Action Taken in Closed Session – No action taken

**IX. ADJOURNMENT – 7:49 p.m.**

Recorder: Pricilla Perez

  
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Don Haught, Board Secretary

  
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Date