



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

- Time and Place:** A meeting of the Hope Learning Academy-Chicago (HLA-C) Board was held Tuesday, June 14, 2022 beginning at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- Members Present:** Clint Paul, Chair; Amanda Brott, Nicki Fioretti, Collin Hitt and David Tretter.
- Members Absent:** Natasha Koprivica-Adler and Michael Minton
- Also Present:** Steve Helm, Michael Jakubowski, Nicole Johnson, Jim Lee, Jodi Ogilvy and Darlene Levine.
- Call to Order:** Mr. Paul called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
- Review of Minutes:** A motion was presented by Mr. Hitt and seconded by Mr. Tretter to approve minutes of the April 20, 2022 meeting. There being no objection, the motion carried unanimously.
- Public Comment:** No public attendees were present.
- Old Business:** No report.
- Executive Director Report:** Ms. Brott and Mr. Lee congratulated the staff for a great school year and hope for a full pandemic-free school year in 2022-2023.
- Principal's Report:** Mr. Jakubowski reported Kindergarten and 5th Grade graduations were held; 42 fifth graders will be leaving HLA-C.
- Mr. Jakubowski reviewed Aimsweb information noting green areas showing student improvement. Also reviewed was the Recruitment and Admissions report, noting 195 students will be returning next year; 9 families visited the school and show interest in attending next year; goal is to start school year with 250-260 students.
- Mr. Jakubowski reviewed staffing information noting full staff this year; 3 SpEd teachers will be resigning; positions to be filled include School Psychologist and School Therapist. Mr. Jakubowski noted 2022-2023 school year begins August 22; teachers will return August 15.
- Mr. Jakubowski reviewed the renewal application noting IEP compliance could be a factor in renewal; hoping to receive a 4-year renewal.
- Leadership Report:** Mr. Helm reviewed FY23 Budget in comparison to FY22, noting CMO/EMO fee is absorbed by Hope; Revenue dropped \$407K due to reduced SpEd funding; ESSR grant will cover School Psychologist and School Nurse; estimated \$44K increase

expected for Facility costs; grade expansion needed to reduce burden on Hope. Mr. Helm added to help with expenses, 2 teachers and 1 paraprofessional will not be replaced; and substitute teacher budget of \$50K has been removed. Following discussion, no action was needed; budget will be submitted to Vision for Hope Board for approval.

Ms. Ogilvy reported Communications Department is primarily focused on recruitment; social media will be utilized; marketing materials will be distributed throughout the neighborhood and area businesses. In Development, Ms. Ogilvy reported the Style of Hope Event will be held in Springfield this fall; looking to expand the Ambassador group to other locations, including Chicago with a possible Ambassador event being held.

New Business: Mr. Paul reported 2022-2023 meeting dates were placed in the packet for review.

Executive Session: No report.

Adjournment: There being no further business, a motion was presented by Mr. Paul and seconded by Ms. Fioretti to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristi Davison, Secretary
Vision for Hope Board