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Governing Board Meeting Minutes Public Budget Hearing #2

Date and Time

Monday, July 20 at 7:00 PM

Location

Conference call line: **Call-in information**: *Dial-in number (US)*: (425) 436-6309 *Access code*: 289390#. In accordance with Georgia's open meetings requirement, a notice of this meeting has been posted on the school website. The reason for this meeting being a teleconference was due to the COVID19 social distancing requirements.

Directors Present

Todd Levin (remote), Esther Goss(remote), Tony Tringale(remote), Jametria Floyd (remote), Andrea Ferguson (remote)

Directors Absent

Kenneth Hamner

Ex-Officio Members Present

None

Non-Voting Members Present

All members present remotely. Melissa King (Principal)

Others Present

All members present remotely. Jovan Purifoy (parent).

I. Opening Items

A. Welcome/ Record Attendance



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B. Call the Meeting to Order

Todd Levin called the public budget hearing of the Board of directors of Liberty Tech Charter School to order on Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:04 PM

Dial-in number (US): (425) 436-6309 *Access code:* 289390#. via conference call noted above. Andrea Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Roll Call

T. Levin	Aye
A. Ferguson	Aye
E. Goss	Aye
T. Tringale	Aye
J. Floyd	Aye
K. Hamner	Absent

C. Approve Agenda

Todd Levin made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Tony Tringale seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

T. Levin	Aye
A. Ferguson	Aye
E. Goss	Aye
T. Tringale	Aye
J. Floyd	Aye
K. Hamner	Absent

D. Approve Minutes

Andrea Ferguson presented an amendment to the April 27th Board meeting minutes to correct a previous statement recorded regarding the budget review process. The statement has since been verified as incorrect by reviewing the SCSC guidelines post meeting. Todd Levin made a motion to amend the previously adopted minutes from the April 27th meeting Tony Tringale seconded the motion. The board VOTED to unanimously adopt the amendment to the previously approved minutes.

Roll Call

T. Levin	Aye
A. Ferguson	Aye
E. Goss	Aye
T. Tringale	Aye
J. Floyd	Aye
K. Hamner	Absent



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E. Proposed budget Public Comment

Todd Levin opened the opportunity for public comments via chat window or emailed comments. Andrea Ferguson reported that no public comments were received via the Board email, nor in the meeting chat window. Todd made a second call for any comments to all attendees. No public comment regarding the proposed budget was brought forth.

II. Review of the Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

The summary budget was presented by the Finance Chair Esther Goss line by line. The budget is for \$4,567,872. The Finance Committee added more to the instructional areas, factored increases on services due to COVID-19 such as deep cleaning, virtual learning, and additional funds for PPE. A contingency plan is in place to accommodate additional funds for the above if needed.

Melissa King noted that the budget also includes a 10% budget cut from the state. Curriculum and resources that directly benefit the students were the focus of any changes this year. In comparison to last year, the areas of the budget that sustained cuts were the fine arts and technology departments due to the students not sharing supplies in those areas this year.

Todd Levin noted that this school year they will review the budget in detail quarterly to assess changes as needed.

Tony Tringale: how does the grants for 2020-21 compare to the grant funding received for 2019-2020?

 Melissa King noted that the yearly facility grant may change. Also, the school was preapproved for another grant through a federal program and is awaiting confirmation on the final approval. The board grant committee can apply for additional grants as needed. The school normally receives \$6K for Title II part A, and \$50k for IDEA funding for staffing personnel. The funding for those two have been accounted for in the current budget already.

Esther Goss: how does the grant budget compare to prior year grants?

 Melissa King noted the grants received in the past will be comparable to the same received for 2020-2021.

Esther Goss noted that the Finance Committee reviewed line by line variances between 2019-2020 vs 2020-2021 and any variances were explained during the meeting.

Andrea Ferguson: noted that her questions were answered in the July Finance Committee meeting regarding the budget. Board administrative expenses such as newspaper ads for meetings were accounted for.

Jametria Floyd: asked a question regarding the grants for remote learning?

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• Andrea Ferguson noted that the school applied for a grant earlier in the year for additional tutoring to support students with needs. Melissa King noted that there was a remote learning grant in April, but due to our free/reduced lunch numbers we were not able to apply.

III. Action Items

No action items were noted.

IV. Closing Items

• Next meeting will be held on Monday, July 27th at 7PM. The budget will be voted on during this meeting.

A. Adjourn Meeting

Todd Levin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Esther Goss seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24PM.

Roll Call

T. Levin	Aye
A. Ferguson	Aye
E. Goss	Aye
T. Tringale	Aye
J. Floyd	Aye
K. Hamner	Absent

B. Online meeting link: due to the meeting being conducted online each meeting has been recorded. The recording for this meeting can be found at https://fccdl.in/YBL7xdy5vN or by listening to playback at 425-436-6309, Access code: 289390

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Ferguson Secretary