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Called Meeting Minutes

iReady Curriculum replacement for IXL

Date and Time
Wednesday, August 05 at 12:00 PM

Location
Conference call line: **Call-in information:** *Dial-in number (US):* (425) 436-6309 *Access code:* 289390# or teleconference at https://join.freeconferencecall.com/andreaferguson1 In accordance with Georgia's open meetings requirement, a notice of this meeting has been posted on the school website, as well as social media channels. The reason for this meeting being a teleconference was due to the COVID19 social distancing requirements.

Directors Present
Esther Goss(remote), Kenneth Hamner(remote), Tony Tringale(remote), Jametria Floyd (remote), Andrea Ferguson (remote)

Directors Absent
Todd Levin

Ex-Officio Members Present
None

Non-Voting Members Present

Others Present
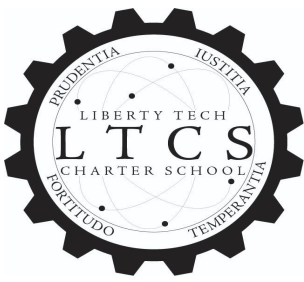*All guests were present remotely. Vimal Patel*

Teachers& Staff: None

I. Opening Items

A. Welcome/Record Attendance

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B. Call the Meeting to Order

Kenneth Hamner called the Called Meeting of the Board of directors of Liberty Tech Charter School to order on Wednesday, August 05, 2020 at 12:03 PM

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

Roll Call

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

C. Approve Agenda

Kenneth Hamner motioned to approve the agenda. Andrea Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Motion passed.
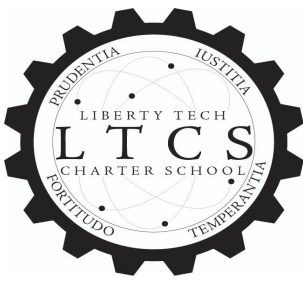
Roll Call

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

II. Public Comment

Andrea Ferguson acknowledged that no public comment was received via the Board email address prior neither to the meeting, nor in the meeting chat window prior to this portion of the meeting. Kenneth Hamner made one last open request for Public Comment and then moved to the next section of the meeting.

III. New Business: iReady Curriculum to replace IXL

Kenneth Hamner started the discussion regarding the request from Principal, Melissa King to purchase the iReady Curriculum. The curriculum is $16,290 more than IXL ($5700) vs iReady ($21,990), so this is a significant change in pricing. Due to the budget resolution in place for August we needed to approve the additional spend publicly because this expense would exceed the budget in this P&L category for the month.

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Key points shared by Principal, Melissa King in her request to the Board are below:
- iReady is for K-8th in Reading and Math Instruction
- Each student takes an online diagnostic assessment to determine the student's reading and math levels.
- This allows for targeted online instruction for students.
- For students in the RTI process, iReady allows for progress monitoring for these students.
- After students take the diagnostic, the system will group students in a classroom based on their needs. There is a Teacher Toolbox including specific, personalized lessons to support students in the classroom as well as other resources for teachers.
- iReady is student friendly with animated videos to support online instruction for students. iReady does NOT replace teacher instruction, but it will provide great support for our teachers.
- After surveying most of our staff members, many of our teachers are familiar with iReady from former districts. Overwhelmingly, classroom teachers were in favor of iReady over IXL.

Kenneth Hamner added that the reviews for this software were very good. Also, several school districts are currently using this software for the same purposes that Liberty Tech is proposing to utilize it for. The tool will add value to the learning experience of our students especially during virtual learning.

Andrea Ferguson added that during the SCSC COVID19 Task Force calls several charter schools recommended use of this software. Many use in the same manner that Liberty Tech uses the NWEA MAP testing (internal testing). The tool will give teachers the support needed to quickly assess student needs at all levels.
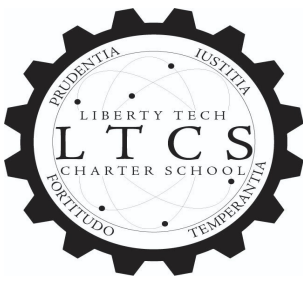
Andrea Ferguson reached out to Mrs. King during the meeting for clarification on if iReady would also replace NWEA MAP testing since it's an adaptive test just like MAP. Mrs. King stated that at this time the school is still planning on using NWEA MAP testing in addition to iReady. The ability for MAP to be replaced by iReady will be looked at in the future.

Tony Tringale added that the tool will give teachers insight into study needs for students. Also during his research of the product he found reviews and information that it is best better suited to support a virtual learning model.

Kenneth Hamner motioned that we vote on the replacement of IXL with the iReady curriculum. Tony Tringale seconded the motion. Vote: Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1. Motion passed.

Roll Call

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

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III. Action Items

- None

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Ferguson
Secretary