

SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Minutes of the

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday, December 12, 2013

5:00 pm

SIATech Business Office

3916 Carlisle Blvd NW, Suite E

Albuquerque, NM 87107

Council Members Present: Emily Salazar, Jacob Kennedy, John Rodarte, Evalynne Hunemuller

Council Members Not Present: Rhonda Seidenwurm

Guests: Erik Bose, SIATech Executive Director; Amy Roble, SIATech Principal;
Curt Szarek, SIATech Business Manager; Dr. Linda Dawson, CEO SIATech National;
Steve Nakamura, Rachel Matthew Development; Connie Dove, West Wood Realty

Minutes: Donna Vanlandingham, SIATech Executive Administrative Assistant

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

In the absence of the Council President and Vice-President, the meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm by Council Secretary John Rodarte.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of December 12, 2013 Agenda

Evalynne Hunemuller made a motion to approve the agenda. Jacob Kennedy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of November 21, 2013 Minutes

Evalynne Hunemuller made a motion to approve the minutes. Jacob Kennedy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Resolution for ACES Joint Powers Agreement

Mr. Bose reminded the council this was an agenda item at a previous meeting. The council did not vote on it at that time. Mr. Bose feels there are some services that SIATech may want to take advantage of, if they do in fact, relocate from the JC campus to a new site. He further explained ACES has a non-compete clause with CES, so the services they offer are different than CES. There is no financial obligation involved to become a member and with a 60 day notice, the relationship can be terminated. Evalynne Hunemuller made a motion to approve the resolution. Jacob Kennedy seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion carried unanimously. The necessary signatures will be obtained on the agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Rodarte welcomed Dr. Linda Dawson, CEO of SIATech National to the meeting. Dr. Dawson began by stating it was great to be in Albuquerque. She was able to spend some quality time with SIATech administration during her visit. It has been a rough couple of year for Job Corps and schools nationwide. She commended everyone for keeping such positive attitudes. SIATech lost 3 sites in Florida during the last school year that was directly related to the enrollment freeze by Job Corps. In addition, all Job Corps have clamped down on allowing non-Job Corps students on their campuses. It was explained to her by the national Job Corps office there were liability issues with allowing these student on campus. SIATechs are not able to meet their enrollment numbers because of these reasons. All SIATechs except for California and New Mexico have moved off of Job Corps campuses. The Gainesville Job Corps are bussing students to the SIATech campus and the situation is working out well. She explained the Job Corps freeze has now been lifted and centers are being allowed to enroll 20% over their new enrollment numbers, however, non JC students will still not be allowed to attend school on their campuses.

She feels SIATech's relationship with Job Corps will continue but will look different than it has in the past. Times change and you have to change with the times.

Comment [DV1]:

The Mycroschool concept is working well in Florida, where they are full to capacity. The independent study and blended learning model is working well in California and the enrollment is steadily growing. The IT department has been restructured. It is mostly internal and the sites should notice faster service.

CONSIDERATION FOR APPROVAL TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT NMSA 1978 §10-15-1(H)(8) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF FACILITIES

Evalynne Hunemuller made a motion to convene to closed session. Jacob Kenney seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested, which resulted in agreement of council members to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing facilities with council members John Rodarte, Jacob Kennedy, Dr. Evalynne Hunemuller voting in favor of the motion. Council members met in closed session beginning at 5:33 pm.

Dr. Emily Salazar arrived at 5:39 pm.

Reconvene to Open Session

The meeting reconvened to open session at 6:27 pm.

Statement of Closure

Secretary John Rodarte stated that the SIATech Governing Council met in closed session on December 12, 2013 to discuss facilities and the matters discussed in the closed session were limited only to those specified.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Finance Committee/Business Manager Report

Revised financial statements for October 2013 were sent out electronically prior to the meeting in order for the council to have an opportunity to review them along with the November check register. Mr. Szarek pointed out the revision was necessary to reflect the

payable for the Annex furniture which was received after the statements were initially distributed during the November meeting.

- Mr. Szarek, Mr. Bose, and Dr. Seidenwurm were present at the December 4, 2013 APS Board of Education meeting where the SIATech charter renewal was approved.
- Mr. Szarek also distributed copies of the charter renewal recommendation which was discussed during the APS Policy and Instruction Committee meeting held on November 22, 2013. The recommendation was complimentary of the school's academic program and fiscal management. In connection with the renewal, the school will be bound to a Performance Contract with APS which addresses all aspects of the academic, financial, and facilities operation.
- Mr. Szarek attended a PSFA meeting on December 4, 2013 where proposed Charter School Lease and Lease/Purchase documents were discussed. The meeting was to receive public input to the revised documents pending finalization. It is foreseeable that SIATech may be subject to either of these documents when finalized in the near future.

2. Principal/Head Administrator Report - Erik Bose

The Principal/Head Administrator report was distributed to the council. Mr. Bose reviewed the report with the council.

- There are 22 graduates so far.
- The Academy site currently has a wait list of 35.
- Ms. Roble explained she conducted a survey to see which zip code areas the Academy students are from. The largest number of students are coming from the Atrisco Heritage area and the second largest from the Valley High School area. The average age of the Academy students is 20 and the oldest student being 42 year of age.
- Mr. Bose reports round 1 of the teacher evaluations are complete. Ms. Roble explained there has not been any pushback from teachers. SIATech administrators walked the teachers through each step so they felt comfortable with the entire process.
- The council does need to begin working on the Executive Director's goals and evaluation.
- Mr. Bose was asked if AJCC was aware SIATech could be moving off of their campus. Mr. Bose explained he has been honest about the situation.
- There are no staffing vacancies at this time. However, staffing changes could be needed because of the new structure next year.
- There is more information becoming available concerning procurement requirements, which includes who can and cannot be the procurement officer for the school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be January 21, 2014 at 5:00 pm at SIATech Business Office.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Evalynne Hunemuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jacob Kenney seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Emily Salazar adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.