



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Higher Institute of Arts and Technology (HIAT)
5885 Harrison Street Merrillville, IN 46410
Thursday, February 8, 2024 4:00 (CT)

I. Meeting Called To Order

The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 4:00 PM.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board of Directors recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance

April Brown	Present
Stephanie Davis	Present
Bridgett Harris	Present
Sharla Johnson	Present
Charles Reese	Present
George Tucker	Present

a. Approval of Board Agenda

Motion: Charles Reese Support: George Tucker

A motion was made to amend the agenda to include an amendment to the bylaws.
The board unanimously voted to approve the amended board agenda.

b. Approval of Board Minutes from December 14, 2023

Motion: Charles Reese Support: George Tucker

The board unanimously voted to approve the board minutes.

IV. CMO Report

a. Principal and Academic Board Report

Principal Acklin provided an update on enrollment, scholar attendance, staffing, Winter NWEA testing, proficiency data and growth, campus celebrations, athletics, and current and upcoming events. The new academic leader in residence, Jennie Mast, was introduced.

b. Enrollment Update



Student Enrollment Coordinator, Biafran Stiff, provided an enrollment update and student retention strategies.

c. Financial Report

Eva Spilker presented a financial review of the income statement, cash balances, accounts payable balances, days cash, and the enrollment budget.

V. Committee Reports

None

VI. Old Business/Discussion Items

None

VII. New Business

a. Approval of Recommended Board Stipends

Motion: George Tucker Support: April Brown

The board unanimously voted to approve the recommended board stipends.

b. Approval of 2024-25 School Year Calendar

Motion: Stephanie Davis Support: George Tucker

The board unanimously voted to approve the 2024-25 school year calendar.

c. Approval of Charter Facility Grant Application Resolution

Motion: Stephanie Davis Support: George Tucker

The board unanimously voted to approve the resolution for the charter facility grant application.

d. Approval of Chromebook Purchase

Motion: George Tucker Support: Stephanie Davis

The board unanimously voted to approve the Chromebooks purchase through AKA for \$20,987.85.

Yays: 6

Nays: 0

e. Approval of Security Cameras

**This item was tabled until Mr. Lee and Mr. Tucker can meet to discuss further.*

VIII. PTA

PTA President, Ms. Kionna Jones, invited board members to attend the upcoming Professional Development Day where they will be serving the staff lunch. She also inquired about getting a gym and a library.

IX. Open Communication



Parent, Samantha Hedrick (online), shouted out HIAT staff for all that they do!

X. Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Stephanie Davis

Support: George Tucker

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 PM.