

## Board Meeting June 16, 2020

## **Board Member Attendance**

Present:	By Phone:
Michela English	
Jenny Abramson	
Hadley Cooper	Absent
Patrick Clowney	Larry Nussdorf
Nicole Davy	Brian Jones
Terry Eakin	
Mercedes Kearney	
Judy Lansing Kovler	
Emily Lawson	
Maura Marino	
Valerie Rockefeller	

## **Others Present:**

Laura Maestas, Chief Executive Officer
Dan Englender, Chief Operating Officer/Chief Finance Officer
Katie Severn, Chief Academic Officer
Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio, Chief of Staff
Suraj Patel, Chief Talent Officer
Kelly Benson, Counsel

Michela English called the meeting to order.

Laura Maestas shared that the executive team is very focused on the mental health challenges facing our community, as product of both the COVID-19 pandemic and the murders of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor.

Dan Englender shared the highlights of the SY20-21 budget and answered questions from the Board. In response to a question about what technology assumptions were embedded in the budget, Dan indicated that every student will have a dedicated technology device in SY20-21 and that, as needed, DC Prep is budgeting to ensure that every child has internet access. In addition, the budget contains more than \$500k to go towards additional COVID related costs (e.g., PPE, increased janitorial services). Terry Eakin motioned to approve the budget as presented, Jenny Abramson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Dan, Laura and Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio provided an update on their efforts to secure a permanent building for Anacostia Middle Campus. They shared their perspective on the relative pros and cons on two sites, and fielded questions from the Board.

Laura provided an update on school plans for SY20-21, highlighting the emphasis DC Prep is placing on Wellness for students and staff. Katie Severn shared additional details and answered Board questions.

Valerie Rockefeller shared an update on the Governance committee's efforts to identify board candidates for upcoming vacancies.

## **April Board Meeting Minutes:**

Motion	Record
<ul> <li>Judy Kovler moved to approve the April 2020 board meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	Approved: 11 Opposed: 0
— Patrick Clowney seconded the motion.	Opposed: 0 Abstaining: 0
The April 2020 board minutes were approved.	

The board went into executive session. No votes were taken.