

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SOMERSET ACADEMY OF LAS VEGAS
JANUARY 6, 2023**

The Board of Directors of Somerset Academy of Las Vegas held a public meeting on January 6, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Travis Mizer called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. In attendance were Board members Travis Mizer, Will Harty, Cody Noble, and John Bentham.

Members Sarah McClellan, LeNora Bredsguard, and Renee Fairless were not in attendance.

Also present were Principal Lee Esplin, Principal Cesar Tiu, Principal Jessica Scobell, Principal Shannon Manning, Principal Mindi Palomeque, Principal Kate Lackey, and Principal David Fossett; as well as Somerset Inc. representatives Bernie Montero and Suzette Ruiz. Academica representatives Gary McClain and Marla Devitt were also in attendance.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

3. ACTION & DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2022 BOARD MEETING

MEMBER BENTHAM MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 29, 2022 BOARD MEETING. MEMBER HARTY SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

b. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THREE YEAR CONTRACT WITH DATA INSIGHTS FOR ALL SEVEN CAMPUSES

Principal Lee Esplin addressed the Board and explained that the agreement was with a company run by two former CCSD employees who were experts in data and informational systems. The company would provide a platform that allows students, staff, and parents to view all of their data in one place, including testing data, grades, and attendance. Teachers would also be able to create Read by Grade 3 plans on the platform, which would save them hours of time and make the process more efficient. The platform takes all of the data from Infinite Campus and puts it into one user-friendly location. Doral Academy had been using the platform for a few years. They have seen an increase in parent usage of the platform and feel it was a key component in achieving 5-star ratings at multiple campuses. The platform would empower students, parents, and teachers by making the data more accessible and understandable, and allowing for better communication and discussions.

Member Mizer inquired about the start date of the contract. In response, Principal Esplin explained that the company would promptly prepare the platform for all seven campuses. However, only five campuses would begin using the platform immediately, while the remaining two would start in the next academic year. The schools that were not utilizing the platform initially would not be charged

until they started using it. Principal Esplin also mentioned that it was more cost-effective to set up the complete system at once. When Member Mizer asked about a point of contact for platform problems, Principal Esplin clarified that any issues experienced in the Doral system were handled efficiently by the two developers, and the platform had a system for resetting passwords without hassle.

Member Noble raised a concern that the explanation only addressed the elementary campuses, and asked if the platform would benefit all grades. In response, Principal Esplin stated that the platform would be useful for high school teachers. It would allow them to see their students' transcripts, diploma type they were going for, and if they were on track with the classes they had completed. During the advisory period, teachers would discuss the progress and help students set goals to ensure they stayed on track for their diploma and graduation. The platform would also include a feature to display scores and how much each assignment affected the overall grade, along with access to creating IEPs and 504 plans. Therefore, it would be beneficial for all teachers.

Member Harty asked about the cost of the three-year contract. Principal Esplin explained that the company would offer a 15% discount for setting up the complete system and an additional 3% discount for agreeing to a three-year contract. The penalty for not fulfilling the contract's full term would require payment of the 3% for the unfulfilled portion. Principal Esplin also mentioned that the extra Title II funds received would cover the entire cost of the three-year fee, which would amount to \$241,508.

Member Bentham questioned why Lone Mountain and Skye Canyon would not start using the platform until the following year. Principal Lackey responded that they did not want to overwhelm parents with too many platforms, and Principal Tiu added that he wanted to provide training for the teachers in May to prepare for the platform's use in August.

MEMBER BENTHAM MOVED TO APPROVE THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, AS PRESENTED. MEMBER NOBLE SECONDED THE MOTION, AND THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NOTIFICATIONS

There were no announcements.

5. MEMBER COMMENT

Board members thanked the principals.

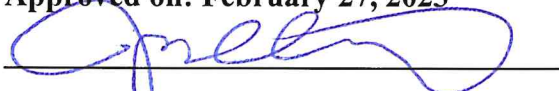
6. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

7. ADJOURN MEETING

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:28 A.M.

Approved on: February 27, 2023



**Secretary of the Board of Directors
Somerset Academy of Las Vegas**