

PELICAN EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Saturday, February 27, 2021 at 6:30 PM

DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, THE MEETING WILL BE HELD VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE

Members of the public may access the meeting by clicking at this [zoom link](#). A quorum of members of the Board will participate in the meeting and will be audible to the public. Members of the public may submit comments on any agenda items(s) by sending an email to boardpresident@kenilworthst.org up until 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
- II. Attendance and Quorum
- III. Public Comments

Action Items

- IV. Approval of the previous board meeting minutes – Attachment A
- V. Election of Vice President
- VI. Selection of Board Committee members
- VII. Approval of Type-1 Charter School Application

Information Agenda

- VIII. 2020-2021 Operating Budget update – Attachment B
- IX. Update on the unification process with EBRPSS
- X. Update from the Executive Director – Attachment C

Closing Remarks & Adjournment

MINUTES

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I. Welcome and Call to Order

These are the minutes of a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Pelican Educational Foundation Inc. (PEF), a Louisiana non-profit corporation. This meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 2021 virtually through Zoom. This meeting was called to order by Dr. Orhan Kizilkaya, the President.

II. Attendance and Quorum

Present:

Dr. O. Kizilkaya, Mr. E. Sarac, Mr. S. Uwaezoke, Ms. K. Harris, Dr. S. Wiley and Dr. M. Stafa.

Absent: Dr. O. Kazan.

Also in Attendance: Mr. H. Suzuk, Ms. L. Fischer and Mrs. H. Regis (Left at 7 PM).

III. Public Comments

No public comment.

Action Agenda

IV. Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Approve the minutes of the board meeting held on January 16, 2021

Moved by: Dr. S. Wiley.

Seconded by: Dr. M. Stafa.

Discussions: The minutes of the board meeting held on January 16, 2021 was presented and discussed. Approved unanimously.

V. Election of Vice President

Motion: Approve the assignment of Dr. S. Wiley as the Vice President of the board.

Moved by: Dr. M. Stafa.

Seconded by: Ms. K. Harris.

Discussions: Dr. Kizilkaya opened the floor for nominations. Dr. Wiley was nominated by Dr. Kizilkaya. There were no other nominations. Dr. Stafa moved that Dr. Wiley will be the new Vice President of the board. Ms. Harris seconded. Approved unanimously.

VI. Selection of Board Committee members

Discussions: Dr. Kizilkaya proposed to have committees which will allow the board to operate more efficiently. Mr. Suzuk presented possible committees and members based on his conversations with board members and school staff. The following committees are decided to be formed:

Planning & Instruction Committee: This committee will focus on what the board wants to see happen over the next three to five years, and planning of events such as LEMCO, STEM Expo. It will also discuss issues related to accountability, academic standards, instruction and assessment in more depth. Members are: Ms. Fischer, Dr. Kizilkaya, Ms. Harris, Dr. Kazan, Mr. Suzuk(Co-lead), Ms. Regis (Lead)

Finance Committee: This committee will focus on finances, and will do preliminary review of financial statements and budget prior to the board approval. Members are: Mr. Ozkan, Mr. Uwaezoke, Dr. Wiley, Dr. Stafa, Mr. Sarac, Mr. Suzuk (Lead)

VII. Approval of Type-1 Charter School Application

Motion: Submit an application for a new Type I K-8 charter school to EBRPSS during the 2021 Common Charter Application period

Moved by: Mr. S. Uwaezoke.

Seconded by: Dr. S. Wiley.

Discussions: Mr. Suzuk informed the board about the conversation they had with EBRPSS. He also shared that the data and research proves that the K-8 model is the best model for Kenilworth students and parents as it improves student outcomes and increases student and family engagement. There was a discussion about possible ways for Kenilworth to be a K-8 school. A motion was made to apply for new a Type-1 charter school to EBRPSS during the 2021 Common Charter Application period. Approved unanimously.

Information Agenda

VIII. 2020-2021 Operating Budget Update

Mr. Suzuk presented the updated actual operating budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year as of January 31, 2021. He also informed the board about Pandemic Relief Funding Allocation Amounts and Balances (GEERF I, ESSERF I formula, ESSERF I incentive, ESSERF II estimated)

IX. Update on unification process with EBRPSS

Mr. Suzuk updated the board on the unification process with EBR Public Schools.

X. Update from Executive Director

Mr. Suzuk gave a verbal update to the board on school operations and on the following items:

- 2021-2022 Enrollment Campaign
- LEMCOlympiad.org
- Consideration of a name change for the board
- The Angel Award
- Summer School / TFA Partnership

Closing Remarks & Adjournment

- On a motion duly made and seconded, by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining, the Board of Directors voted to adjourn the meeting.