



**MINUTES OF THE 04/29/21 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
LENNOX MATH, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ACADEMY
(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)**

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bruce McDaniel, Chair of the Board, called the meeting to order on the date, time and place set forth as follows:

Time: 2:02 pm

Date: 04/29/21

Place: Via ZOOM teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20.

Dr. McDaniel welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for joining.

Board meeting was called to order after Dr. McDaniel read the following:

The Lennox Math, Science and Technology Academy (“School”) welcomes your participation at the School’s Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the School in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our School. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided: This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20. The Board of Directors (“Board”) and employees of Lennox Academy shall meet via the Zoom meeting platform. Members of the public who wish to access this board meeting may do so at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84036799749>

Members of the public who wish to comment during the Board meeting may use the “raise hand” tool on the Zoom platform. Individual comments will be limited to three (3) minutes. If an interpreter is needed for comments, they will be translated to English, and the time limit shall be six (6) minutes. The Board of Directors may limit the total time for public comment to a reasonable time. The Board reserves the right to mute or remove a member of the public if comments or actions disrupts the Board meeting.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Andrade, SP	_____	___ <u>X</u> ___

Latuner, Karen	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
McCray, Steve	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
McDaniel, Bruce	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
McMichael, Shuna	<u> X </u>	<u> X </u>
***Shauna joined at 2:04 pm		
Stabile, John	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Vazquez, Celeste	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 03/18/21

Mr. Stabile motioned to approve minutes from special board meeting on 03/18/21 meeting, second by Dr. McCray. All in favor by consensus. None opposed.

E. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. McDaniel asked if there were any changes to agenda. Mr. Mena shared there are no changes. Ms. Vazquez motioned to approve agenda, second by Ms. Latuner. All in favor by consensus. Motion carried unanimously. All in favor. None opposed.

II. OPEN SESSION

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

a. Explora Vision team presentation (Student Team) – Mr. Rivas introduced himself, and shared a little bit about ExploraVision, a national competition. The team that is about to present won an honorable mention this year their design. Group members: Alex, Emanuel, Manuel, Marco, and Michael. Students shared PowerPoint presentation around Thermoelectric Generation and the Modern Streetlight – wanted to improve electricity, future technology and present. Discussed benefits to save energy and have less environmental impact. 3D prototype and design process was shared. Mr. Stabile asked if they actually built the prototype. Emanuel shared that they designed it through inventor (3D monitoring software). Mr. Stabile asked about challenges they faced having to do this remotely; one student shared that he didn’t see it as a challenge, but more like an opportunity. The Board congratulated the team. Dr. McDaniel asked number of hours they worked on project. Students worked on it all of first semester, and then first month of the second semester. Dr. McDaniel congratulated the team and thanked Mr. Rivas. There were 10 honorable mentions in CA, they received one of them. Really proud of them. Ms. Latuner asked about the number of teams competing, students reported that there were thousands.

- b. ASB student presentation – Katherine Gonzalez and Daniela Montero shared ASB updates with the board: Spirit Week details, Earth Day Celebration, May planned activities (student raffles, May the 4th ...). Mr. Stabile asked if they were starting to get more student participation. Students responded that they were, that students have been more motivated by more gift cards. Dr. McDaniel thanked them for coming.
- c. Fiscal status presentation (Roger Castillo-Charter Impact) – Mr. Castillo shared presentation with the board the included the following information:
 - i. March Highlights: Revenue increased \$212K when compared to the last forecast; Expenses are lower by \$330K compared to prior forecast as a result of reducing the LLMF plug, as cost have hit in other object codes; all \$754K in CARES Act funding for CR, GEER, and GF have been spent; Forecasted annual surplus is projecting favorable by \$543K.
 - ii. Attendance Data and Metrics
 - iii. Revenue: forecasted revenue is higher by \$212K when compared to prior forecast; main factors are an increase of \$97K from a prior year adjustment and \$43K more for LCFF from updating the P-1 Apportionment data with FY20-21 numbers provided by the CDE; AB602 State SpEd Revenue was updated to include the rate increases shared by the SW SELPA, adding \$83k to other state revenue.
 - iv. Expenses: Year end expenses are favorable by \$330K compared to the prior forecast. Salary and Benefits are projecting favorable by \$62k and resulting from two term staff compared to what was budgeted; Favorable Operational savings primarily from the two following areas – Book & Supplies (\$222K favorable resulting from LLMF Plug Reductions), and Operations & Housekeeping (\$47k lower miscellaneous cost); all other expense line items are consistent with prior projections.
 - v. Fund Balance: Annual surplus is projected at \$1.06M and is better than last projection by \$543K.
 - vi. Cash Balance: Cash for March at \$3.42M and higher by \$363k from last projection; deferrals have started and been updated to reflect the CDE’s most recent apportionment schedule; forecasted cash for year-end is currently at \$2.06M

Mr. Stabile asked if it was time to start thinking of possibly adding more funds to the Schwab account. Mr. Castillo stated that he would differ that back to them; there is still a lot to consider since the pandemic is still going on, he commented. Mr. Mena shared that he would invite them to come share information at a subsequent meeting and provide update on those accounts. Mr. Stabile commented how Lennox Academy has a great management team – “Mando and the team are doing great!” Mr. Stabile asked about the SELPA.

- d. LMSTA testing plan (Cynthia Lomeli) – Ms. Lomeli shared presentation on LMSTA Spring Testing 2021. Last year, testing was suspended. This year, that is not the case. We will have to test this year. State has done some changes to be able to test remotely. Will be doing testing differently due to current remote learning circumstances this year – testing through English classes at the 9th and 10th grade level, testing through science classes at the 11th and 12th grade.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting.

Mr. Mena started off by thanking Ms. Lomeli for her work in making sure we are ready for testing. Mr. Mena mentioned that May is also Mental Health Awareness Month and asked Ms. Jimenez to share information about some of the planned activities for students throughout the month of May.

Mr. Mena shared that he only had one more item to share at this point, and that was to discuss/follow up on discussion regarding reopening of the school. As previously mentioned, we agreed to open for athletics to introduce/allow some form of physical activity for students (softball and baseball). Both teams started during the spring break and have been doing well; he shared comments about students’ commitments and how they have been good about abiding by all social distancing guidelines, wearing masks, etc., The same behavior was also seen by the other teams, he shared. Mr. Mena shared that he was happy to see part the commitment made at the last meeting taking place and sent kudos to the coaches for all the extra duties they do to keep our students safe.

Mr. Mena shared how the other part of the commitment that was previously made was to discuss the possibility of bringing in small cohorts – but that is still a piece that is being figured out. Although that is still something we hope to do, there is not much time left. Mr. Villanueva met with teachers/sought feedback, however no further progress was made.

Mr. Mena shared that the Lennox School District took action at the last board meeting and decided to open up starting May 10th, just before the funding became unavailable. They are following a similar model to come in once a week for 3 hours within an advisory period, similar to the proposed original plan to bring in students to address social emotional needs. Mr. Mena commented how other schools have been opening up, but attendance for in-person learning has not been the best. Mr. Mena asked Mr. Villanueva to share some of his experiences with having his son and wife back in the classroom. Mr. Villanueva shared how his son is pretty much following the “babysitting” model, while his wife’s school came up with a different model – they didn’t want to do concurrent teacher for those in person and online, so they split the students (in person teaching in the morning, online in the afternoon). This reduced the number of minutes of each class period

and is essentially teaching the double the periods. Participation has been low in both scenarios.

Mr. Mena shared how in-person instruction will be a priority for the fall. Families feel more comfortable now that 16-year-olds and above can get vaccinated, and so will 13-15 year old soon too. Mr. Stabile asked if we planned to go back this semester. Mr. Mena shared that the commitment was to stay remote for the rest of the year, but to open up for baseball/softball, and open up for in person for small cohorts, but have been finding that to be a challenge as we do not have the staffing to do that

Dr. McDaniel inquired about the engineering building. Mr. Mena shared that it is ready, just waiting for the keys from LSD. Mr. Mena will sit with Mr. Rivas to order furniture. The other facility is still in progress, might be able to open up a section of automotive, but taking longer to complete. Most beach cities are opening up at the high school level, except Centinella Valley High School District (Hawthorne, Leuzinger...) plan to open until the fall.

It is highly possible that we'll be moving into the yellow tier soon in LA County. That may change options that are available. We're in the process of surveying seniors regarding graduation options – drive thru, outdoor, or if permitted indoor with very limited capacity. Graduation will take place on June 10th. Mr. Stabile asked about the Friends of Lennox Academy Scholarship and expressed an interest in donating again.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

No Oral Communications

B. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

- a. Ratify and approve Purchase Orders/Expenses for February through March, 2021.

<p>It is recommended that the Board approve Agenda Item B.a. Moted: Dr. McMichael Second: Dr. McCray All present in favor by consensus. None Opposed. Motion carries.</p>

- b. Discussion on business service providers for the 2021-2022 school year.

It is recommended that the Board approve Agenda Item B.b.

Discussion – Mr. Mena shared that Lennox Academy was previously serviced by CSMC two years ago and commented on positive relationship. Charter Impact has been good, but they are smaller staff. Mr. Mena shared that he is considering returning back to CSMC. Both Charter Impact and CSMC offer support with budgeting, accounts payable, CALPADS support, technology support. Proposals to be evaluated and recommendation will be made at next scheduled board meeting.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **3:20** pm

Board Meeting Minutes Approval
