

HomeTech Charter School  
Governing Board Minutes  
April 24, 2023

1.0 Opening Business:

1.1 Board Meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

Present:	Martin Svec	Wendy Lightbody
	Julie Crandall	Christina Powell
	Carmel Buckhout	Ariane Fialon

Absent: Eric Rein

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Ms. Crandall motioned for the approval of the April board agenda. Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.

3.0 No public comment.

4.0 Communications/Reports

4.1 Ms. Crandall presented the Student of the Month certificates to the students who were nominated by staff members.

4.2 The student representative gave an update on recent events, including: prom, elementary Cal Skate field trip, Wild Things Assembly, and yearbook sales.

4.3 No comments from the board.

4.4 Principal's Report

1.0 Ms. Crandall provided the monthly enrollment by grade. The current enrollment is 121. The ADA total is 90.5.

2.0 Ms. Crandall shared a breakdown of important information regarding the current operations of HomeTech.

5.0 Discussion Items

5.1 The board discussed the current computer literacy course and if it is necessary to replace this with a financial literacy class for graduation requirements. The State is moving in the direction of requiring schools to provide a financial literacy course to students. Mrs. Kemp has worked to find Dave Ramsey curriculum for the class. The board discussed whether this class will be an independent study only or if there will have in-person instruction time. This will be placed on the May agenda.

5.2 Ms. Crandall shared that there is about \$15,000 worth of lost Chromebooks, chargers and hotspots combined. Attempts to recover items are made through emails, postal mail and forwarding notices to students' next school. Chromebooks that have not been returned to the school can be locked by a computer tech. Ms. Fialon volunteered to make phone calls to families in the attempt to recover the lost materials.

5.3 Ms. Crandall shared information regarding data gathered to meet DASS eligibility. Ultimately, HomeTech is at 85% eligibility for DASS. Ms. Crandall explained the benefits of being a DASS school to the board.

- 5.4 Ms. Crandall shared a presentation of the LCAP with the board, outlining the current goals and actions. The board agreed with the current goals and actions and did not see a need to modify for the 23-24 LCAP.
- 6.0 Action Items
- 6.1 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of the contract with Renaissance Learning for STAR benchmarks for 2023-24. Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 6.2 Mrs. Powell motioned for the consideration and approval of the contract with Rich Fesler Consulting for Technology Support. Mrs. Buckhout seconded. Ms. Crandall abstained her vote. The board approved.
- 6.3 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of the contract with HM&S for independent auditor and tax preparation services. Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 6.4 Mr. Svec motioned for the consideration and approval of the certification for DASS – Alternative Dashboard Status with CDE. Mrs. Fialon seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 6.5 Mr. Svec motioned for the consideration and approval of revised board policy – Early Graduation Option. Mrs. Powell seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 6.6 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of signing bonus for certificated math teacher, Maxwell Hinchliff, in the amount of \$5,000 for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Buckhout seconded. The board approved.
- 6.7 Mrs. Fialon motioned for the consideration and approval of curriculum for Spanish I/II in grades 9-12:  
1. Descubre Level 1, Vista Higher Learning © 2022  
2. Descubre Level 2, Vista Higher Learning © 2022  
Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 6.8 Mrs. Lightbody motioned for the consideration and approval of consulting services with Total Compensation Systems. Mr. Svec seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 7.0 Ms. Crandall motioned for the consideration and approval for the items listed under the consent agenda. A new vice chairman will need to be appointed at the May board meeting. Mrs. Lightbody seconded. The board unanimously approved.
- 8.0 Next regular board meeting scheduled for May 22, 2023 at 3:15 p.m.
- 9.0 Adjourned 5:12 p.m.

  
Charlotte Taft