STEP ACADEMY

Science, Technology, and Engineering Preparatory Academy

SPECIAL SESSION BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 2nd 2023, 5:30 PM

STEP ACADEMY Burnsville Campus and (Via Zoom)

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| Board Member Names | Present | Absent |
| Rahima Ahmed | X |  |
| Dr. Abdulrazzaq Mursal | X |  |
| Abdiladif Sambul | X |  |
| Mohamed Shuriye | X |  |
| Guests |  |  |
| STEP Academy:  Dr. Mustafa Ibrahim - Superintendent  Traci Moore - Assistant Superintendent of Academics  Rani Hayden - Burnsville Coordinator  Drew Baillargeon - Dean of Students  Mitsy Harbeck - Special Education Coordinator  Guests:  Rochel Manders (IQS) |  |  |

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| **5:33 PM CALL TO ORDER, Welcome, and Roll Call: Board Chair** |
| School Mission Statement: STEP Academy will empower students to use their personal attributes and acquired knowledge to lead productive lives and become contributing members of the global community. |

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| **5:35 PM CONFLICT OF INTEREST CHECK** |
| Board members attested that there are no conflicts of interest. |

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| **5:36 PM APPROVAL OF AGENDA** |
| Discussion: No discussion  Motion: Motion was made to approve the agenda  Made by: Abdulrazzaq Mursal  Seconded by: Rahima Ahmed  Vote: Unanimous Vote-Approved |
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| **5:40 P. M STEP ACADEMY BLENDED LEARNING 2023-2024** |
| STEP Academy leadership requested from the school board a permission and approval to change the current school schedule from five days a week to four days and one day (Fridays) designated for E- Learning.  After conducting research and gathering feedback from parents, and staff members, we have found that reducing the number of school days per week could have several advantages for our school. Improved faculty retention and cost savings are some of the advantages and benefits that we can gain from this proposal.  During the board approval discussion for STEP Academy's blended learning proposal for the 2023-24 school year, the board members engaged in a constructive conversation with the school leadership. They asked pertinent questions to gain clarity on the proposal. The discussion centered around the implementation of blended learning, which combines online instruction with traditional classroom teaching.  The board members started by seeking more information about the specific goals and objectives of the blended learning model. They wanted to understand how it would enhance student learning outcomes and whether it aligned with the school's overall educational philosophy. The board members also inquired about the readiness of the teaching staff to adapt to this new approach and how ongoing professional development would be provided to support them.  The board asked about the potential impact of the blended learning model on the school's budget and staffing requirements. They wanted to understand the financial implications, including any necessary investments in technology and additional personnel. The board members emphasized the importance of long-term sustainability and asked for a detailed plan outlining the financial considerations.  Overall, the board approval discussion for STEP Academy's blended learning proposal was characterized by a thoughtful exploration of the proposal's merits and potential challenges. The board members demonstrated their engagement and commitment to ensuring that the proposed initiative would align with the school's mission and provide an enriching educational experience for the students.  Top of Form  Bottom of Form  Motion: Motion was made to approve STEP Academy’s Blended Learning for the 2023-24 school year.  Made by: Rahima Ahmed  Seconded by: Abdulrazzaq Mursal  Vote: Unanimous Vote- Approved. |
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| **6:15 P.M 2023-2024 School Calendar – Update** |
| The 2023-24 Calendar was updated to reflect the Blended Learning Proposal.  Motion: Motion was made to approve STEP Academy’s Blended Learning Calendar for the 2023-24 school year.  Made by: Abdiladif Sambul  Seconded by: Abdulrazzaq Mursal  Vote: Unanimous Vote- Approved. |

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| **6:30 P.M ADJOURN** |
| Motion: Adjourn The Special Session Board Meeting  Made by: Abdulrazzaq Mursal  Seconded by: Abduladit Sambul  Vote: Unanimous Vote- Approved. |
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