

MIRUS EDUCATION

dba Mirus Secondary School

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Denise Shields – Secretary and Member

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 17, 2022, 1:00 PM

Via Video Conference and at

Main Street RC 16967 Main Street, Suite 107, Hesperia, CA 92345,

Palm Desert RC 72840 Highway 111, Suite C103, Palm Desert, CA 92260, Topaz RC 14135 Main Street, Suite 201, Hesperia, CA 92345

Access to the live meeting was made available at:

Mirus: <https://miruscharter.com/board-of-directors/>

1.0 OPEN SESSION

1.1 Call to Order

Mary Searcy Bixby called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

1.2 Roll Call

Board Members Present: *Denise Shields*

Staff Present: *Mary Bixby, President and CEO; Lynne Alipio, Treasurer and CFO, and*

Tim Tuter, Executive Director

1.3 Consideration and Approval of Adoption of the Board Findings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)

The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020 and finds the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Adoption of the Board of Directors Finding accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1) to promote social distancing and to conduct the meeting virtually.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

1.4 Establishment of Quorum

The following members constituting a quorum of the Board were present at the meeting: Denise Shields.

1.5 Pledge of Allegiance

Bixby led all in the Pledge of Allegiance

1.6 Approval of Agenda

It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the agenda.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

2.1 Non-agenda Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

2.2 Agenda Items Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

3.1 Approval of Regular Board Meeting Date Change to March 17, 2022

It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Regular Board Meeting Date Change to March 17, 2022.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

3.2 Acceptance of Chairperson Debbie Giaquinta Letter of Resignation effective March 1, 2022

It was moved and seconded by Shields to accept Chairperson Debbie Giaquinta Letter of Resignation effective March 1, 2022.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

3.3 Acceptance of Board Member Aaron Smith Letter of Resignation effective March 1, 2022

It was moved and seconded by Shields to accept Board Member Aaron Smith Letter of Resignation effective March 1, 2022.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

3.4 Approval of Employer Resolution Tax Deferred Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases

It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Employer Resolution Tax Deferred Deduction Plan for Service Credit Purchases.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

3.5 Approval of Resolution to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions-IRC 414 (H)(2)

Employer Pickup

It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the Resolution to Tax Defer Member Paid Contributions-IRC 414 (H)(2) Employer Pickup.

Ayes—1, Nays—0, Absent—0, Abstain—0, Motion Approved

3.6 Presidents Report

3.6.1 Malcolm Baldrige Program Recognition of The Charter School of San Diego

Bixby reported that The Charter School of San Diego received the 2021 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. In 2015, the Charter School of San Diego became the first charter school to win a Baldrige Award, and it now becomes the first two-time awardee in the “education” category. This award was established by the U.S. Congress in 1987 to raise awareness of quality management and recognize U.S. companies that have implemented successful quality management systems which evaluates businesses and nonprofit organizations in seven areas defined by the Baldrige Excellence Framework: leadership; strategy; customers; measurement, analysis and knowledge management; workforce; operations; and results. The award is the nation’s only Presidential Award for Performance Excellence.

3.6.2 Altus Instructional and Operation Model

We have proceeded to formalize the term, Altus Schools, that unites our Schools. Altus Schools is a good way of sharing that all our Schools have a very specific instructional and operational model that has been very successful and recognized.

3.7 Strategic Plan Update

3.7.1 Mirus Secondary School

3.7.1.1 School Participation Report for the Period of 2021- 2022
Months 7-8: 12/13//2021 – 02/04/2022

Tutor reviewed the School Participation Reports for each School.

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The President recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

- 4.1.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2022
- 4.1.2 Approval of Student Use of Technology Policy 3130 Amendment
- 4.1.3 Approval of 3270 Board Policy and Procedures: Suicide Prevention Amendment
- 4.1.4 Approval of Internal Fiscal Control Policy 4165 Amendment
- 4.1.5 Approval of Workplace Violence Policy 6015
- 4.1.6 Approval of Student and Parent Handbook 2021-2022 Amendment

*It was moved and seconded by Shields to Approve the Consent Agenda Items 4.1.1 – 4.1.6.
Ayes – 1, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.*

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Action Items Specific for Mirus Secondary School

- 5.1.1 Approval of the 2nd Interim Report 2021-2022
*It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the 2nd Interim Report 2021-2022.
Ayes – 1, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.*
- 5.1.2 Approval of A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan
*It was moved and seconded by Shields to approve the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan
Ayes – 1, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.*

6.0 BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Bixby informed the Board that Graduation will take place on June 8, 2022, at the Hilton Garden Inn and Convention Center in Victorville.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

*It was moved and seconded by Shields to adjourn the meeting at 1:29 p.m.
Ayes – 1, Nays – 0, Absent – 0, Abstain – 0, Motion Approved.*