

Environmental Charter School  
January Board Meeting  
January 20, 2021  
6:30 pm-8:00 pm Eastern Time

1. **Call to Order at 6:31 PM** (Michael Aronson)
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** (ALL)
3. **Recognition of Guests** (Michael Aronson)

Craig Stevenson and Beth Eckenrode - The Auros Group, Laura Micco - ECS Middle School Vice Principal, Judy Brand - ECS Nurse, Rick Avon - Avon Design Group, Andrea Geraghty - MUS Law

4. **Public Comment - No Public Comment**
5. **Consent Agenda -**

Board Meeting Minutes - December 2020

Financial Reports as of November 2020

- i. Draft Balance Sheets November 2020
- ii. Draft Budget vs. Actual - July 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020
- iii. Draft Income Statement , July 1, 2020 - November 30, 2020

Payments over \$500, including credit card transactions over \$500 November 2020 Financial Statements

12.31.20 Cash Flow

Quotes/Invoices/Contracts over \$10k

- i. Hoffman Electric, Inc. - \$12,410
  - A. Hoffman Electric Additional Quote Information
- ii. Avon Design Group, LLC - \$1,277,067
- iii. Auros Group - \$278,200
- iv. Kingsley Association - \$10,416 (amount for 9th grade students)
- v. Public Allies - \$49,794 (3 staff @ \$16,548)
- vi. Draft Purchase Sales Agreement - \$1,750,000
- vii. Open Literacy - \$145,000

**Resolution 2021-01-2036: be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the School, that the Consent Agenda for January 2021 be approved. - Nothing pulled out for discussion. Motion to approve at 6:34 PM. All in favor none opposed.**

6. **Board Education**

**COVID-19 Vaccinations** - Allegheny County (Judy Brand)

ECS Nurses have received the COVID-19 Vaccination. Anyone who's 65 and over, or 16 to 64, with an underlying medical condition are also eligible. In Allegheny County the health care facilities are priority at the moment. Not sure when or if the Teachers will be considered priority.

**Return to in person instruction** - (Regional Trends) Buildings are prepared for the students to safely return. We are working on getting an understanding of where our families are at now in terms of a desire to return or not return, and then we will be able to design the academic model around that. The State's Department of Education, has recommended, at least at the elementary level, that the risk is fairly low enough that even in counties with substantial COVID transmission rates, it is a recommendation, that schools consider phasing in elementary students, which is different guidance than what existed back in December. So that's something that we are fully aware of. And that's being taken into consideration in our decision making and conversations around return.

7. **Business (Committee Reports)**

Executive (Michael Aronson)

Working on what the retreat will potentially look like and working with Robert Morris and Bayer in the early spring time frame, working on our goals and what the strategic plan is going to look like for the organization and how they'll help us with that. Also working with Bernadine and governance and making sure we have the right individuals on the executive committee as well as on the board as a whole. Meeting with John in the next week and a half to review goals and mid year evaluation and where we stand year to date

Governance (M. Bernardine Dias)

Continuing to solidify the on-boarding draft plan for newly elected board members. Looking at the restructure of the Board and checking to make sure there are no gaps in what was thought out. Given it's a volunteer board, what is the meaningful workload that people can handle and how many committees you're on and and who should join which meeting and so on and so forth.

Education (Meryl Lazar/Lisa Elliott)

Will begin to meet regularly with Dr. Cribbs discussing and envisioning a strategic plan for where education might be headed in the next three to five years. Vice Principal, Laura Micco presented on the success of the tutoring program and the plans of expansion due to the success.

Finance and Facility (Ben Witsberger/ Dan Kiefer)

Nothing to report.

- i. Finance Committee Update
- ii. Facilities Update

#### **8. Other Business - None**

**Motion to move into Executive Session - 7:21 PM all in favor non opposed.**

##### **Executive Session**

HR/Staffing Monthly Report (James Doyle - COO)

HS Real Estate Update

**Motion to move out of Executive Session - 8:38 PM all in favor non opposed.**

**Resolution 2021-01-2037: be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the School, that the Avon Design Group proposal for architectural services for the ECS HS be approved. Motion moved at 8:39 PM, all in favor and none opposed.**

**Resolution 2021-01-2038: be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the School, that the Auros Group proposal be approved. Motion moved at 8:39 PM, all in favor and none opposed.**

**Resolution 2021-01-2039: be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the School, that the Purchase and Sales Agreement for the ECSHS be approved. Motion moved at 8:40 PM, all in favor and none opposed.**

**Resolution 2021-01-2040: be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of the School, that the customary closing and related costs for the purchase of the ECS High School, not to exceed \$150,000, be approved. Motion moved at 8:40 PM, all in favor and none opposed**

**Adjourned at 8:41 PM**

Attended Remotely	Did Not Attend
Michael Aronson Molly Bennett Latonia Cherry Amanda Cribbs M. Bernardine Dias James Doyle Lisa Elliott Daniel Foreman Dan Kiefer Dwight Laufman Meryl Lazar Jon McCann Sapna Parker Sarah Piot Michelle Resnick Andre Samuel Nikole Sheaffer Ben Witsberger	Kevin Chung Angela Holtzman Robert Jones