



New Heights Board of Trustees  
October 26th, 2021  
Starting Time: 5:00pm  
Location: 1690 Main Street  
Brockton, MA 02301  
Join Zoom Meeting

**ZOOM Meeting:**

Description:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6822448291>

- I. Call to Order at 5:08pm
- II. Approved Board Members List
  - A. Mike Sullivan
  - B. Ollie Spears
  - C. Graham Bengen
  - D. Judge Phillips
  - E. Vinnie Marturano
  - F. Emmanuel Daphnis
  - G. Steve Bernard
  - H. Nicholas Christ
  - I. Kimberly Zouzoua
- III. Roll Call
  - A. Board Members Present
    1. Ollie Spears
    2. Judge Gregory Phillips
    3. Vinnie Marturano
    4. Emmanuel Daphnis
    5. Steve Bernard
  - B. Members Absent
    1. Mike Sullivan
    2. Graham Bengen
    3. Nicholas Christ
    4. Kimberly Zouzoua
  - C. Board Members awaiting Commissioner Approval
    1. Chris Alves
- IV. Reading and Approval of Minutes from Board Meeting from 9/28/21
  - A. Moved by Vinnie Marturano. Seconded by Emmanuel Daphnis. 9/28/21 minutes accepted unanimously.
  - B. Reports
    1. Chairperson's Report (Mike Sullivan)
      - a) N/A
    2. Executive Director's Report (Omari Walker)



# NEW HEIGHTS CHARTER SCHOOL of **BROCKTON**

- a) Enrollment Report- ED Omari Walker discusses financial impact of A+ (EC Promise) Students, those students who have less than 30 credits to complete AA from MCC. NHCS has letter from Commissioner that mentioned we would receive funding, however, this matter has become more complicated and they are no longer funding us for these students. NHCS has over-enrolled students (746 students as of (October 1). Removing 16 A+ students from enrollment numbers but we are only being funded for 730 students.  $\$16,000/\text{student} = \text{approximately } \$80,000 \text{ short from proposed budget. Asking Commissioner to reconsider decision and cover gap.}$ 
    - (1) Powerschool Data
    - (2) A+ Students
  - b) Questions: Has prior approval been discussed with Commissioner? ED Walker explains that circumstances have changed but has not received more information at this time.
3. Student Disciplinary Report
  4. MCC Vaccination Update- MCC is mandating vaccination for all students who take classes on college campus. NHCS is in process of determining number of students who are already vaccinated. This also jeopardizes the AA degrees for the possible 60% of senior class AA candidates. Discussion is taking place between NHCS and MCC and are hopeful that we can get majority of our students to be vaccinated.
    - a) Possible need for increase in funding to college courses in order to offer additional remote courses
    - b) Possibly may not meet stated goal of 50% graduating with AA
    - c) Questions:
      - (1) Applies for Spring semester
      - (2) Information/Communication to families- letter sent home 10/25 and meeting with EC families next week.
      - (3) No pushback at virtual town hall on 10/25 but we did get pushback for Flu vaccine last year. NHCS anticipates more concerns/opinions from EC parents. Possibly have a Doctor available for parent conversation. Vinnie Marturano will speak with Dr. Mudd from YMCA.
      - (4) Are there available funds, i.e. American Recovery Act and other funds to support student learning.



ESSER III funds may be used to support college courses. Funding used to support remote learning may cause families to choose not to vaccinate children.

#### C. Old Business

1. Gym Rental- Reggie Carter presents HERC42Skills, LLC.
  - a) No need for additional security but BOT may determine police detail is necessary
  - b) Insured with \$2M liability policy
  - c) similar to MassPremier proposal
  - d) Can begin immediately if approved
  - e) Income could be approximately \$20,000 based on previous partnerships
  - f) Stephen Bernard motions to approve rental of gymnasium by HERC42Skills from November 1, 2021- August 31, 2022 subject to NHCSB and owner of building named as additionally insured riders on HERC42Skills insurance policy. Seconded by Vinnie Marturano. motion passes unanimously.
    - (1) Discussion includes that all NHCSB events and previous agreements take precedence over HERC42Skills events.
  - g) Transportation

#### D. New Business

1. Resiliency for Life proposal was sent to members before meeting.
  - a) Finance Committee Chair has approved program in funding.
  - b) Questions regarding staffing and budget.
  - c) Ollie Spears motions to accept ED Walker's proposal of new programming called Resiliency For Life for 7th and 9th graders. Vinnie Marturano seconded motion. Motion passes unanimously.
2. Members Ollie Spears and Emmanuel Daphnis leave meeting at 6:01pm. No longer a Quorum, discussions and updates continue.

#### IV. Reports of Special Committees

- E. Academic Excellence Committee (Pastor Manny)- presentation postponed until next month.
  1. Student Achievement Data
  2. Early College Report
- F. Finance Committee (Nick)
  1. YTD Finances presented by Suzanne Graham.
    - a) staffing is forecasted slightly above but similar to projected spending.



- b) Operating in surplus at this current time with 730 students enrolled.
  - c) Carrying over surplus from 20-21 budget. NHCS budget is a much healthier place.
- V. Governance Committee (Vinnie)
    - 1. N/A
  - VI. Special Orders
  - VII. Good of the Order
    - A. Announcements
  - VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:17pm.