

The Cottonwood School of Civics and Science
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Oct 13, 2021

Zoom meeting began at 6:33PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM

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In attendance

Nels Hesseldahl – President

Chris Beckley

Sade Rivers

Nicki Phelps – Treasurer

Laura Stanfill

Amanda McAdoo – Executive Director

Laura Kropf – Finance and Business Administrator

Susan Hathaway – Academic Director

Community members: Amy Sample Ward, Emily Cleek, Justin Iverson

- I. Community Comment
 - a. None
- II. [Consent Agenda](#): Minutes from Sept meeting and Marketing Committee report – approved by board (motion – Nicki; second – Chris)
- III. Discussion of SIA Plan and ESSER III Funding
 - a. Staff-developed SIA plan for the school years 20/21, 21/22, and 22/23 to justify the funding we are receiving for community building presented for approval (motion – Nicki; second – Chris). Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. ESSER funds, which are COVID-related support funds given to the school, have been received and spend for rounds I and II. ESSER III has an application process. Amanda will be sending out a survey to staff and Board to garner opinions on priorities for ESSER funding.
- IV. Budget Updates - Nicki
 - a. Review of Board report, Balance Sheet and Income Statement - discussed unfavorable variance in budget vs. actual is compensated by prior year favorable performance and how to better represent this position in future board reports
 - b. Discussion of staff consideration of review of teacher benefits offering, particularly medical insurance. Amanda will consider forming committee to address.
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance and Governance Committee (Nicki) – Board recruitment process; two nominees presented and asked to introduce themselves – Amy Sample Ward and Emily Cleek. Completed applications were distributed to board members. Elections will be held at the November meeting.
- VI. Executive Director Update – Amanda reviewed contents of the [Executive Director report](#)

VII. Board comments

- a. Sade mentioned the desire to continue our DEI and strategy training with Aviva.
- b. Discussed scheduling out meetings for the coming year.