

**AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK  
838 BROOK AVENUE  
BRONX, NEW YORK**

**MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, September 13, 2022  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Location: 580 White Plains Road  
Tarrytown, New York

1. Welcome Role Call: Present were Carlo Schiattarella, Alberto Villaman, Irma Zardoya, Paul Comrie, Gregory Kimble, Shameeka Gonzalez , Ricardo Cosme Ruiz

CEO:	Derick Spaulding
Principal AECI I:	Colin Healy
Principal AECI II:	Santiago Taveras
BoostEd:	Joshua Moreau
Counsel:	Flora Edwards, Esq.

2. Approval of Minutes of August 12, 2022

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez and seconded by Irma Zardoya to approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on August 12, 2022. Approved unanimously.

3. CEO Report

- a. Both schools are fully staffed.
- b. Network held professional development focusing on school culture incorporating both schools
- c. Renovations at both schools is nearing completion,
- d. Search for a permanent site continues
- e. Initial discussions are taking place regarding creation of Network Foundation
- f. An outline of the next steps in planning for the future of the Network based on the outcome of the Board Retreat was presented
- g. Performance Standards for Assistant Principals are being developed

4. Principals' Report - AECI I

- a. The year ended with 455 Students, 109 freshmen. The school is beginning to backfill freshmen class
- b. Freshman orientation was held on September 6th and the first day of school started on September 7th.
- c. Pre-service session began on August 30th . Professional development sessions focussed on school culture with an emphasis on increasing positive communication between staff members, and students and staff members.
- d. Sixteen students signed up for our International Trip to the Mediterranean Coast to be held during February Break 2023.
- e. Building improvements include enhanced lighting throughout the school and cafeteria walls have been completed. Future improvements will be the cafeteria floors, and displays showing themed photos of student life throughout the building.
- f. Summer School Regents Results

Regents	Number Pass	Total Number	Pass Percentage	Percentage Over 50
English	2	26	7.6%	43%
Algebra	2	12	16.6%	83.3%
Living Environment	2	17	11.7%	24.5%
Global Studies	2	19	10.5%	58%

5. Principal's Report - AECI II

- a. There are 437 Students enrolled as of 9/12/22 distributed as follows:
  - i. 125 students in 9<sup>th</sup> grade
  - ii. 127 students in 10<sup>th</sup> grade
  - iii. 89 students in 11<sup>th</sup> grade
  - iv. 96 students in 12<sup>th</sup> grade

- b. On September 11, 2022, one teacher tested positive for COVID.
- c. Summer Regents Pass Rates:

AECI 2 Regents Data						
Exam	Total Taking Exam	Pass 65+	Pass Rate	Students Qualified for appeals	Total Meeting State Requirement w/ Appeal	Percent Meeting State Requirement with Appeal
Alg 1	28	2	0.07%	10	12	42.86%
ELA	10	0	0.00%	7	7	70.00%
Liv Env	36	5	0.14%	14	19	52.78%
Global	7	0	0.00%	1	1	14.29%
Geometry	8	0	0.00%	3	3	37.50%
Earth Sci	2	0	0.00%	2	2	100.00%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.89%</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>48.36%</b>

- d. Summer School Pass Rates

AECI 2 2021-2022 Summer Pass Rates by Class							
Course	Course Name	Area	Total	Passes	Fails	Pass%	Fail%
MEAI	ALGEBRA	MATH	37	16	21	43%	56%
MRTAI	ALGEBRA 2	MATH	3	3	1	67%	33%
SES AI	EARTH SCIENCE	SCI	2	0	2	0%	100%
E10AI	ENGLISH 10	ENG	9	4	5	44%	55%
E9AI	ENGLISH 9	ENG	6	1	5	16%	83%
GC10AI	FOUND. TO CYBER SECURITY	CAR	16	9	7	56%	43%
MGAJ	GEOMETRY	MATH	4	4	0	100%	0%
PHAI	HEALTH	MISC	3	2	1	67%	33%
GCDAJ	INTRO TO DIGITAL ART	CAR	8	8	0	100%	1%
SBAJ	LIVING ENVIRONMENT	SCI	64	45	19	70%	30%
FS1AJ	SPANISH 1	LOTE	1	1	0	100%	0%
FS2AJ	SPANISH 2	LOTE	6	5	1	83%	16%
HW12AJ	WORLD HISTORY	SS	4	2	2	50%	50%
HW11AJ	WORLD HISTORY	SS	10	2	8	20%	80%
E9WAJ	WRITING9	ENG	3	2	1	67%	33%
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>178</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>41.48%</b>

- e. **Major areas of focus for the year**
  - i. **Writing Across the Curriculum** - Writing across content areas is a priority for all teachers in all content areas. In addition an annotation process is clearly displayed in all classrooms.
  - ii. **Inquiry Project**- All teaching staff and counselors will engage in a year long inquiry project focused on personal professional goals, which they will share with the rest of the staff during the common planning time in May.
  - iii. **School Theme**- The School has partnered with Hands and Minds to implement an Engineering program for 12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is an extension of the program we piloted in the Spring semester. Along with the computer classes, in our new computer labs, we are making our “School Theme” come alive. We are also thinking about having Hand and Minds start a robotics club, which will lead to a robotics course in the future.

**iv. Partnerships-** Another priority is building partnerships in the Computer and Engineering sector, which can provide technical support for our courses, internships, and paid jobs for our students throughout the year

6. Academic Affairs Committee Report

The Academic Affairs Committee met to discuss Assistant Principal Performance Standards with a view to establishing goals and performance standards for all employees of the Network. The CEO's report of accomplishments and progress in meeting goals as presented at the board retreat was reviewed.

7. Finance Committee Report

The Committee met on September 13, 2022 and reviewed the budget for the 2022-23 school year. Efforts to increase funds available for student activities with a view to reducing the burden on families to support extra curricular activities.

8. Facilities Committee

To be discussed in Executive Session

9. New Business

a. AECI I

**I. Refinishing the cafeteria floor**

WHEREAS on August 12, 2022 the Board approved a contract for the installation of a new floor system in the seating area of the cafeteria at a cost not to exceed \$96,300, and

WHEREAS, lead was discovered under the floor which must be removed in accordance with the provisions of local, state and federal requirements to ensure the safe removal of lead based products;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a change order to the Contract be authorized in an amount not to exceed \$66,500.00

Moved by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz seconded by Alberto Villaman. Approved unanimously

- ii. Moved and seconded to authorize the Chair to enter into a Personal Service Contract with Liv Dearie to provide classes in Design and for Pre-College Counseling Liv Dearie at a cost not to exceed \$13,000.00

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Paul Comrie. Approved unanimously.

- iii. ABC Janitorial Services

Moved by Irma Zardoya. Seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz to authorize the chair to enter into a contract with ABC Janitorial Services for AECI I at a cost not to exceed \$72,864.00. Approved Unanimously.

b. AECI II

- I. New Hires

Moved by Shameeka Gonzalez seconded by Gregory Kimble to hire the following:

Dulaina Almonte Spanish Teacher

Approved unanimously

- ii. Renovations - Taurino Management

WHEREAS on August 12, 2022 the Board authorized a contract to Taurino Management for the reconfiguration of space and the construction of a computer laboratory at a cost not to exceed \$109,658; and

WHEREAS additional electrical work is required for the completion of the computer laboratories and;

WHEREAS , the delay of the Work until the September Board meeting would render the additional computer laboratories unavailable for use at the beginning of the term;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED to ratify the change order to the contract issued to issued to Taurino Management, Inc. in amount no to exceed \$25,413.83.

Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Irma Zardoya Approved unanimously

iii. Smart Boards

Moved by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez to authorize the purchase of 4 Smart Boards for rooms B101, B102, 106 & 312 from CDW, the lowest of three qualified bidders at a cost not to exceed \$20,472. Approved unanimously

c. Open Public Meetings Act Resolution

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**WHEREAS**, by passing Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 (“Chapter 56”), the New York State Legislature amended Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 56 adds Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, permitting AECI to authorize its members to attend meetings by videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires AECI CHARTER SCHOOL NETWORK (“AECI” to adopt a resolution following a public hearing authorizing the limited use of videoconferencing under such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2) allows for hybrid meetings by requiring “that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body’s quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)© requires that members be physically present at any such meeting “unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances . . . including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member’s physical attendance at such meeting”; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 103-a(2)(d), any members attending by videoconference must, excerpt during executive session, be “heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon”; and

**WHEREAS** Section 103-a(2)(g) requires that any meeting where a member attends by videoconference be recorded, posted to AECI webpage within five business days, and transcribed upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(h) requires that members of the public be permitted to attend and participate, if authorized, in any meeting by videoconference when a member attends by videoconference.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that AECI authorizes its members who experience an extraordinary circumstance, as described above and further defined by any rules or written procedures later adopted, to attend meetings by videoconference: (I) as long as a quorum of the members attend in-person at one or more locations open to the public; (ii) as long as the member can be seen, heard, and Identities whole the open portIon of the meeting Is beng conducted; and (iii) as otherwIse permltted under Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that AECI shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

Moved by Irma Zardoya. Seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez. Approved unanimously.

10. Executive Session

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Ricardo Cosme Ruiz at 7:40pm to go into Executive Session to discuss real estate personnel. Approved unanimously.

Moved by Irma Zardoya seconded by Alberto Villaman at 8:45pm to return to the record. Approved unanimously.

11. Moved by Alberto Villaman seconded by Shameeka Gonzalez at 9:00\_pm to adjourn. Approved unanimously.