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**ALBANY LEADERSHIP**  
CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## Albany Leadership Charter High School

### Minutes

#### Board Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Monday November 23, 2020 at 5:00 PM

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#### **Trustees Present**

A. Harrison (remote), E. Bowman (remote), E. Harris (remote), E. Robertson (remote), J. Celestine (remote), M. Moree (remote)

#### **Trustees Absent**

S. Cates-Williams

#### **Guests Present**

C. Cook (remote), Dr. Audu (remote), Jennie Evans (remote), Natalie Orcutt (remote), R. Smith (remote)

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### **I. Opening Items**

#### **A. Record Attendance**

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

E. Robertson called a meeting of the board of trustees of Albany Leadership Charter High School to order on Monday Nov 23, 2020 at 5:02 PM.

#### **C. Approve Minutes**

M. Moree made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 10-26-20.

E. Bowman seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **II. Accountability**

#### **A. Principal's Report**

Ms. Cook presented on the details contained in the Principal's Report. A discussion ensued on enrollment, attendance, and student engagement. The

Leadership Team has achieved success in engaging largely with all "missing" students and in ensuring they are actively engaged in their educational pursuits. College applications are underway; the team also continues to focus on the social emotional aspects of the education process as the pandemic continues to put pressure on families and students.

#### **B. Accountability Committee Report Out**

Ms. Orcutt provided more detailed content on the Development/Philanthropy activities underway. She noted that ALH has received a grant to offset tuition for college credit courses; a grant from M&T Band to provide significant resources for the Holiday Dinner; and that an annual staff appeal was underway. Ms. Orcutt will be developing an annual appeal letter and board members were requested to provide her with possible contacts to be used for outreach.

Ms. Evans provided context to the board on the efforts underway to focus on seniors to ensure they are focused on school completion and to keep them on track for their educational and emotional journeys.

### **III. Finance**

#### **A. Finance Committee Report**

Ms. Moree provided the Finance Committee Report providing context for the committee meeting held the prior week. The Dashboard and Financial Statements were reviewed, along with the extraordinary CV-19 expense items. Ms. Moree noted for the board that budget development will commence in February and that a holistic view will be undertaken given the duration of the pandemic. This will include a more aggressive replacement schedule for laptops and hardware/software. She noted that Mr. Smith, the business manager, noted that no specific needs were identified as needing to be filled which required board vote.

### **IV. Other Business**

#### **A. Educator Presentation**

Dennis Shields, ALH Athletic Director and Physical Education Teacher, presented to the Board on the opportunities that virtual learning has opened up for the faculty and students in stronger engagement in the PE requirements. He noted that new state standards -- not updated in over 20 years -- have also allowed for broader thinking on PE curriculum. He noted that technology has actually assisted in focusing on skills and health wellness aspects of PE and while he might have been skeptical a year ago, he has found that the technology option has opened up new venues to relate and engage with the students.

### **V. Closing Items**

#### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

M. Moree made a motion to to Adjourn the Meeting.

J. Celestine seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Moree

**Documents used during the meeting**

- Principal's Report - October\_2020.docx
- ALH Financial Dashboard OCT 2020.pdf