



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Thursday, August 19, 2021, 4:00 PM-5:00 PM  
Zoom Call

**Directors Attending**

- Jennifer Moses
- Tony Adams
- Nolan Highbaugh
- Carolyn Hack
- Margarita Florez Vasconcelos
- Andrya Huntsman

**Directors Absent**

- Ron Beller

**Staff Present**

- Terence Johnson, CEO
- Markus Mullarkey, President
- Rachael Weingarten, Head of Schools
- Estefania Garcia, HR Lead
- Katherine Hendrickson, Managing Director of Strategy
- Andy Santiago, Operations and Admin Coordinator
- Wendy Villalobos, Admin. & Talent Coordinator
- Gwen Agustin, Director of Special Education and Student Services

Call to order - The meeting was called to order by Jennifer Moses at **4:00 PM**.

Carolyn Hack made a motion to approve the Board Meeting Agenda. Nolan Highbaugh seconded the motion.

- Jennifer Moses: Y
- Ron Beller: A
- Carolyn Hack: Y
- Nolan Highbaugh: Y
- Margaritas Florez Vasconcelos: Y
- Tony Adams: Y
- Andrya Huntsman: Y

Motion Passed

**A1. Independent Study Program**



Ms. Agustin presented the Independent Study Plans breakdown including the supervising teacher, number of students to be enrolled. A copy of the proposed Board Policy regarding Independent Study was circulated with the packet and agenda for the meeting.

Ms. Weigarten presented Edgenuity, who will be contracted through Caliber Public Schools to provide the Independent Studies curriculum to ensure everything is aligned with California State Standards.

Ms. Agustin shared that the current number of students interested in participating in the Independent Study program to date is 44 students.

Ms. Weingarten presented the proposed cost breakdown for the estimated number of students.

Ms. Agustin presented the plan on how the students from special populations including students with IEPs and 504s are being supported with the Independent Study Plan.

Ms. Weingarten shared the plan on transitioning students back to in-person learning ensuring that students transition back to in person instruction with 5 instructional days upon request.

Ms. Moses made a comment and thanked everyone for making everything possible to create a safer environment for students because data shows that it is better for students who are learning in person with their peers and teachers and we also know that we need to provide for parents and families who are not yet ready to go back to school and we hope families get comfortable with bringing their children back in-person because that it what is best for them.

Ms. Hack asked a question on whether the enrollment process for the independent study program was going to be by semester or year. Ms. Agustin shared that the space must be provided for parents that wish to opt in any time of the year and have 5 days upon request to transition students back to in-person.

**OPEN COMMENTS:**

*Parent Gondica made a comment.*

Nolan Highbaugh made a motion to approve Caliber's Independent Study Program and Independent Study Program Policy. Margarita Florez Vasconcelos seconded the motion.

- Jennifer Moses: Y
- Ron Beller:A
- Nolan Highbaugh: \
- Tony Adams: Y
- Carolyn Hack: Y
- Margaritas Florez Vasconcelos:Y
- Andrya Huntsman:Y

Motion Passed



## **A2. High School Petition**

Mr. Johnson shared that the team has been working for the past two year to make a Caliber High School possible for ChangeMakers students, and the team is now ready to submit a petition.

Ms. Hendrickson shared the plans to submit a petition to Vallejo City Unified School District for a Caliber High School (a copy of which was circulated in the packet for the meeting). Ms. Hendrickson shared the vision and plan for the new high school.

Mr. Mullarkey shared the financial impact of a new high school and shared that Caliber has a plan to financially support the opening of the High School if and when it is approved.

Ms. Hendrickson shared the plans of the petition review and approval process with VCUSD. She also shared an update on the progress of the signatures of support for the high school petition. Ms. Hendrickson presented the timeline expected from now until the expected opening of the High School doors.

Ms. Hack asked about where the high school facility is expected to be located and who the leadership will be. Mr. Mullarkey shared that the school is expected to open in a Prop. 39 facility and that Caliber will work with the district until enrollment picks up and the organization can arrange for a private facility over a multi-year period.

Mr. Johnson shared that Ms. Asha Canady, the current upper school School Leader at ChangeMakers Academy, has been named a founding school leader for the Caliber High School.

Ms. Hack asked what the yield is expected to be for the high school enrollment and if it will be open to students that are not attending ChangeMakers Academy. Ms. Hendrickson shared that the enrollment is expected to have students from outside of current Caliber schools joining the Caliber High School.

Ms. Moses made a comment that she is delighted that this is happening and there is a strong need for parents to support and share with the VCUSD board why this is important and Caliber has leadership with High School experience.

Ms. Canady commented on her excitement of the possibility of opening a Caliber High School soon because it is something that parents have wanted and been asking for.



**OPEN COMMENTS:**

*Parents Robin Degracia and Gondica made comments.*

Nolan Highbaugh made a motion to authorize staff to submit the Caliber High School charter petition to Vallejo City Unified School District. Andrya Huntsman seconded the motion.

- Jennifer Moses: Y
- Ron Beller:A
- Carolyn Hack: Y
- Nolan Highbaugh: Y
- Margaritas Florez Vasconcelos:Y
- Tony Adams: Y
- Andrya Huntsman:Y

Motion Passed

**Ms. Moses adjourned the meeting at 4:47pm.**

Next board meeting: 09/09 @ 4:00pm via Zoom