I. Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum, and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm. Quorum established – voting members present were Lisa Marbury, Jill van Nortwick, Alexandria Tavarez, Rathi Casey, Susan LaBarge, Wesley Burghardt and Clifford Jake. Non-voting members present were Quinn Fekete, Peter Lukes and Louis Papponi.

Note: Susan LaBarge, Rathi Casey and Wesley Burghardt were able to attain temporary exemption from the PED to allow her to be a voting member since the required PED training is not available in a timely matter.

II. Action Items

Discussion and vote to approve the 2019-2020 Budget (includes salary schedule and the master calendar)

Sam presented a summary of the budget
- The State has increased the overall budget for all schools including CCPS.
- New ED will inherit the budget that is approved today
  - Important focuses / recommendations mentioned by Sam
    - State mandated a 6% raise and CCPS is proposing an 8% raise for the faculty
    - Adding on additional day to nursing contract – currently at 1.5 days per week and proposing an increase to 2.5 days per week for to meet / catch-up to the current demand.
    - Climate and culture/ diversity inclusion training – this is for training costs related to this
    - Increase teacher & coaching stipends to get closer to APS stipends so it’s more competitive.

Jill asked a question about retirement health benefits increasing. Mike stated that the only rate the employer pays increased.

Jill asked about increased unemployment cost. Mike stated that we have a lot of substitutes and increased salaries which increased the cost.

Jill asked about professional development barely increasing when there was discussion that PD was increasing by $10k for a total of $20k.
- Mike and Sam agree that the somehow the number was not properly allocated.
- Funds can be BAR-ed or changed now if there is an issue except GC cannot “BAR” anything related to salaries.
- Jill wants to send the right message to school that funds are allocated properly and are attempting to meet the goals relating to the strategic plan.

Jill asked about athletics – Mike stated there are some increasing costs that CCPS needs to recover
- Quinn mentioned there are multiple ways to implement cost savings to the school and to put more responsibility on the parents and students.
- Jill clarified a concern that CCPS may not have enough funding however Sam
Jill asked about Student Travel and Mike/Sam clarified that is for school buses.
- PTO also raises money for buses as well however the process has changed for requesting funds for buses.
- In activities, our costs exceed our expenses however the school will have a carryover of additional funds.
  - For budgeting purposes, Mike has increased the activities funds which is why there are additional lines for funding that were not shown in the budget last year.

Jill and Mike discussed various minor increases in budget line items

Jill asked about ED Assistant
- Mike clarified that due to a change in funding sources, that the ED assistant had to be fully funded under the single line item as opposed to broken up into different funding line items.

Peter asked about substitute teacher line item
- Mike clarified that it’s tough to guess substitute costs and since we have additional funding, that he included a safer number.

Peter asked about new roofing issues.
- Mike and Sam clarified that this is covered under capital expenditures and it’s not part of this budget approval.

Susan asked about Journal Business covenant
- The estimated number is a required payment

Jill asked about general support for the salaries
- Sam clarified that the methodology is generally supported.

Jill asked if being IB certified saw a financial benefit
- Sam clarified that there is not a financial benefit and Peter clarified that depending on the grade level being IB certified is not beneficial

Discussion occurred about the school calendar
- Sam clarified he tried his best to align with APS breaks however the way the quarters worked out brought about an issue in relation to Spring Break.
- CCPS exceeds APS hour by 90 which works out to additional 13 days when comparing to APS.

Peter requested that the GC have more discussions in the near future to discuss the additional 90 hours and what’s the mission-driven justification for them.
- Is it appropriate for both levels of the school (i.e. middle & high school)?

Motion to approve the budget as changed; Susan, Wes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Change is increasing professional development by $10k
Ratification of John Binnert’s contract
The search committee has negotiated the contract with John.
   Alex clarified the salary in the budget is the correct amount that is in John’s contract.

Susan made a motion to approve the new executive director’s contract, Lisa seconded. Clifford abstained from voting and the remaining members voted aye for a majority approval.

III. Vote to close the meeting and proceed in Executive Session
Discussion and determination where appropriate of limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1.H(2), NMSA (1978)
   ○ Executive session did not occur.

IV. Vote to re-open and certification that only those matters described in Agenda Items II were discussed in Closed Session and if necessary, final action with regard to those matters will be taken in Open Session
   ○ Executive session did not occur.

V. Next Governing Council Meeting: May 21, 2019

VI. Adjourn
Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:42 pm; Alex, Wes seconded. Motion passed unanimously.