

Due to the number of people attending; the meeting took place in MPR at 1169 North Colombo, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. Board Members in attendance were: Elizabeth Fogarty (Secretary), James Fogarty (President). Frank Yanez, Treasurer, Cyndy Ortega, and Ada Parra attended on Zoom. Berean Principal Lisa Metz, SPED and Federal Grants Director Bev Enriquez and Dean of Students Brian Shack were present to answer any Board questions. Public: Mr. Willie Howell, Mr. Joshua Shaw, Mrs. Ashley Robinson, Mr. Guy Rubsamen, Coco Rubsamen, Alexis Castillo, Alex Criado, Mr. Randy Merrill. On-line participants: Mrs. Pricilla Manuel, Mrs. Ginger Duffy, Mr. John Duffy,

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2) Prayer was offered by Mr. Willie Howell

1) Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Fogarty

3) Call to Public (limited to 5 minutes.) *The Board cannot act on any items not listed on the Agenda.*

a. *Mrs. Ashley Robinson (parent) Stated she does not believe people living in fear should dictate the closing of Berean. Closing schools has a detrimental effect on students and learning and does not want Berean to close.*

b. *Mr. Willie Howell (grandparent/guardian) He wants Berean do everything possible to protect staff and students and stay open until mandated to close.*

c. *Mr. Alexandro Criado (parent) He said he came to support Berean Academy and the Board.*

d. *Mr. Joshua Shaw (student) Mr. Shaw said he has experienced both on-line and face to face. He learns better face to face and wants Berean to remain open as long as possible.*

e. *Mr. Randy Merrill (parent) He said the negative effects on-line education had on his son were sever. His son made the choice to return face to face. He wants Berean to stay open as long as they can.*

Mr. Fogarty thanked the public for their expressing their experiences and opinions but explained whatever the Board decides; the State has the power to restrict education to on-line. Even so, Berean is required to continue to provide a Safe Environment for staff and students and cannot deny services on campus to Special Needs Students or to students requiring additional instruction.

4) Discuss and determine if any changes need to be made to our Covid Response Plan.

The question before the Board was: Based on current conditions, should we escalate our Covid response to level three (On-line only)? The Board was address by Principal Lisa Metz, Mr. Brian Shack, and Mrs. Bev Enriquez. The Admin staff expressed concern for the safety of our staff, our students and their families because of the increase in Covid cases. With most Sierra Vista schools closing, they were also concerned about the potential damage to our reputation if we stayed open and suffered an outbreak. The Board discussed our 3-6-9 Month Plan and what would trigger a closure for Berean. Mr. Yanez made a motion to remain open as prescribed in our 3-6-9 Month Plan and have Admin closely monitor the health of our Berean community. If they sense a serious threat to the health and well being of our Berean community to ask Mr. Fogarty to call an Emergency Board meeting to consider moving to Level 3. Mrs. Fogarty Seconded the motion. Mr Yanez, Mrs Fogarty, Mr. Fogarty and Mrs. Ortega voted Aye. Mrs. Parra voted Nay.

Mr. Yanez moved to rescind his motion and to open the floor for further discussion. Second was by Mr. Fogarty and the vote was as followed, Mr. Fogarty-Aye, Mrs. Fogarty-Aye, Mr. Yanez-Aye, Mrs. Parra-Aye, Mrs. Ortega-Aye.

Mr. Fogarty asked Mrs. Parra if she had any addition thoughts, questions or discussion she would like to pursue. As she expressed concern for the work load on our staff Mr. Yanez withdrew his motion to clear the way for further discussion. After additional discussion Mr.

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- 5) Discuss and Approve Consultant Contract with FMY Consultants LLC., Venture Feasibility LLC., Mr Yanez recused himself and left the meeting. Mr Fogarty stated the Consulting services provided by presented the need to contract with FMY Consultants and asked if there were any questions. There were none. Mr Fogarty made a motion to approve the contract dated to reflect the services provided back to July 1 2020. Mrs. Ortega seconded. The motion passed unanimously (Mr. Yanez having recused himself).
Mr. Fogarty texted Mr. Yanez and he rejoined the meeting.

A parent showed up and asked to address the board. The board recognized him and allowed him to address the board under call to the public.

- 3) Mr. Omar Rascon (parent) ...on behalf of his wife and himself spoke of their appreciation for Berean Academy and for our keeping the academy open as long as possible. (Mr. Rason arrived late but requested to address the Board)
- 6) Adjourn at 6:18pm

Secretary, *Elizabeth Fogarty*