

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SOUTHLAND COLLEGE PREP CHARTER SCHOOL, INC.
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE E-LEARNING PROGRAM
November 18, 2019**

The Public Hearing on the E-Learning Program of the Board of Directors of Southland College Prep Charter School, Inc. (the "Corporation" or "Southland") was held pursuant to notice as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and said meeting was held as follows:

Date: November 18, 2019

Time: 6:36 p.m.

Place: Matteson School District 162
4601 Sauk Trail
Richton Park, IL 60471

Directors Present:

Ronald Bean, President
Dr. Barbara Radner, Vice President
Kevin Murphy, Secretary
Dr. Blondean Y. Davis
Dr. Vinni Hall
Dr. Barbara Meyer

Directors Absent:

Felix Simpkins

Also Present:

Robert Hall, attorney
Craig Englert, chief financial officer
Zack Zayed
Dr. Bryan Hale
Sheleah Blissett
Yvonne Williams
Daniel Evans
Robert Lane
John George, RSM
Monica Fountain
Lorrie Clayton
Yvonne Evans
Denise Faris

I. Public Hearing

President Bean announced that this Public Hearing was held with respect to

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Southland's proposed E-Learning Program.

Dr. Davis welcomed President Bean back. She asked Robert Hall, attorney, to discuss the legal requirements of Southland's proposed E-Learning Program. Mr. Hall said the hearing was held in accordance with the provisions of the new Illinois statute that allows a Board to adopt an e-learning program that is used by students at home during emergency school closures following a public hearing and a resolution approved by the Board. Mr. Hall stated that the governing statute includes ten statutory requirements that must be satisfied by an E-Learning Program and noted that the proposed Southland E-Learning Program is organized by stating these statutory requirements and outlining under each legal mandate how it will be satisfied at Southland. For example, regarding the first statutory requirement, that there must be five hours of student instruction or school work on an E-Learning Day, Mr. Hall explained that Southland's E-Learning Program provides that students will use a Google document to check-in to each class and will utilize Google Classroom to complete assignments on E-Learning Days.

Mr. Hall said that Southland's E-Learning Program has been discussed with Southland's teachers, who have agreed to meet the requirements of the program on E-Learning Days. Once the Board approves the resolution establishing the E-Learning Program, the resolution and Southland's E-Learning Program will be submitted to the Area Office, which will confirm that Southland's E-Learning Program satisfies all requirements of the governing statute.

Daniel Evans, Director of Technology, addressed the technology aspects of the program. Mr. Evans stated that Google Classroom is a tool that Southland has used for a number of years, which allows students and staff to interact electronically. Mr. Evans said that teachers can create a virtual classroom and view students' work in real time through the program. Mr. Evans said that the Google Forms program allows staff to check who is logged into the program. Parents also can track and monitor students' work through Google Classroom. Mr. Evans observed that Google Classroom is an extremely effective educational tool.

Dr. Davis pointed out that the E-Learning Program can only be used for up to five emergency days on Southland's calendar. After that, any days on which Southland is closed due to an emergency would have to be made up.

II. Audience to Visitors

No person attending the meeting wished to address the Board.

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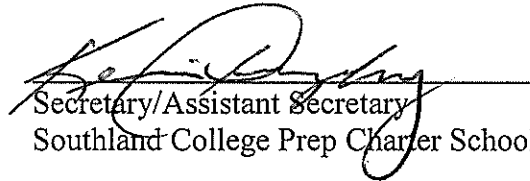
In response to a Board member's question, Dr. Davis said that Southland is never fully closed even on emergency days, such as snow days; rather, Southland staff members are present at least from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and students are welcome to come to the school to use its technology labs during these times, if they do not have access to technology at home. Dr. Davis also noted that all Southland students in the senior and junior classes have iPads that have been provided to the Students by Southland.

There were no other comments.

III. Adjournment

President Bean adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Dated this 27th day of January 2020.


Secretary/Assistant Secretary
Southland College Prep Charter School, Inc.