



# Milestones Community Schools Inc. D/B/A Imagine Schools at West Melbourne Governing Board Meeting

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## Milestones Community Schools Inc. D/B/A Imagine Schools at West Melbourne Meeting Minutes

Date: September 14, 2021

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: 3355 Imagine Way, West Melbourne, FL 32904 - Front Office Conference Room & Virtually

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ori-ddxh-xyt>

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### I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:04pm by Bill McMullen.

### II. Roll Call

**Board Members:** Bill McMullen, Jen Sikowski, Jessica Dell-Peaks, and Julie Klahr (Board Attorney).

**School, Region, and Other Attendees:** Brian DeGonzague (Principal), Kailee Milon (School Academic Coach), Jennifer Fornes (Region Director), Jerry Ford (Ford & Assoc. Financial Advisor)

### III. Public Notice

Brian DeGonzague informed the board that the public notice of the August 18, 2021 board meeting and agenda was posted on the school marquee, website, and front office.

### IV. Old Business

#### a. Approval of August 18, 2021 Minutes\*

Jen Sikowski made a motion to approve the August 18, 2021 minutes. Jessica Dell-Peaks seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Board Members	Vote
Jessica Dell-Peaks	Aye
Jen Sikowski	Aye
Bill McMullen	Aye

#### b. Bond Process Update

Jerry Ford shared an update on the bond process. He spoke with each board member individually with the term sheet and suggestions moving forward. He reached out to Imagine and the comments that would be submitted. September 2nd the Term Sheet was shared with Rosemawr, Imagine, Board Members, and Piper. Jerry Ford expects to hear something back by the end of this week. Contract consideration with Imagine School and the school need to be worked out and we believe there is a pathway to move forward. Bill McMullen thanked Jerry Ford and he hopes to have terms worked out. Jessica dell-Peaks asked how



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the board would be notified. Jerry Ford stated he would reach out by phone or through email.

#### V. New Business

##### a. Involuntary Examinations Policy\*

Brian DeGonzague shared Senate Bill 590, effective July 1, 2021, amended Section 1002.33(9)(q), Florida Statutes, relating to involuntary examination and reporting procedures applicable to charter public schools. The draft policy was created by the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools for charter school boards to adopt to address and comply with this Statute amendment. Jessica Dell-Peaks made a motion to approve the Involuntary Examinations Policy. Jen Sikowski seconded. All in favor. Motion carries.

Board Members	Vote
Jessica Dell-Peaks	Aye
Jen Sikowski	Aye
Bill McMullen	Aye

##### b. Update on Masking Issues and School Data

Brian DeGonzague shared a presentation with the board on the school COVID protocol and consideration on a recommendation for a solution to the facial coverings for students at the school and would avoid the see-saw effect with the challenges pending in court and potential new variants.

Board Members	Vote
Jessica Dell-Peaks	Aye
Jen Sikowski	Aye
Bill McMullen	Aye

##### c. Region Report

Jennifer Fornes shared the region report on the work of the region school in supporting operations and academics and the challenges this year has been with the number of quarantines needed and the lack of personnel to support positions and coverage in the cases of teacher absences. She also shared the governor's announcement on the press conference today on an initiative to create the new Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T.) plan, which will monitor student progress and foster individual growth. By moving to the F.A.S.T. plan, there will be an ability for parents and teachers to have impactful conversations about students' growth by: eliminating the Florida Statewide Assessment; protecting Florida's #1 in the nation accountability system, that has lifted Florida to the top 3 in the nation and has done more to protect low income families, African American and Hispanic students, and children with unique



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abilities, and utilizing progress monitoring to empower educators, parents, and most importantly students to a level never seen before.

### **VI. Public Input - None**

### **VII. Meeting Adjournment/Next Meeting – September 29, 2021 6pm** Meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.