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The meeting was called to order by Peter Dedesma.

Prior Minutes: Mr. Dedesma reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous governing board meeting.

Opening Session: The Board meeting was called to order, and members began by reviewing and approving the minutes from the previous board meeting.

The board revisited the implementation of PowerSchool, the communication and student information software approved in prior years. Mr. Bonilla shared that the platform continues to be an effective tool for communication with families and plays an important role in supporting enrollment and onboarding efforts for incoming kindergarten students. PowerSchool data was also reviewed, reflecting that HIVE Preparatory continues to perform approximately 30% above comparable public school averages academically.

Mr. Bonilla was introduced as School Principal, and the board discussed continued support for his leadership as the school advances its academic and operational goals.

Academic updates were presented for SY25 K–2 Reading and Math Assessments, highlighting strong student performance and continued academic growth. Kindergarten reading results showed 88% proficiency among 98 students, significantly exceeding the district average of 56%. In addition, 2nd grade math proficiency reached 94%, demonstrating strong foundational skills as students prepare to enter tested grade levels. Leadership emphasized that maintaining strong academic foundations in early grades is essential for long-term success in grades 3–8. Intervention strategies and student support plans were also discussed for students requiring additional academic assistance.

The board reviewed preparations for upcoming Grades 3–8 state testing, scheduled from May 1 through May 29. Leadership discussed the school's expanded accelerated academic programs, which include students taking mathematics and science assessments above grade level. Additional emphasis was placed on the importance of morning testing to optimize student performance and align with state recommendations. To improve testing logistics and expand capacity, a proposal for a second computer lab was presented. A motion was made and approved to proceed with planning and budgeting for the project.

Enrollment updates reflected continued growth and stability, with current enrollment reported at 837 students. Leadership noted strong student retention, ongoing Title I program implementation, and continued investment in extracurricular offerings such as dance, arts, athletics, and additional enrichment opportunities that support student engagement and overall school experience.

Looking ahead to the 2026–2027 school year, leadership shared updates regarding incoming student enrollment and staffing needs. A Kindergarten Welcome Event is scheduled for May 16, where incoming families will have the opportunity to meet teachers and staff, participate in school tours, and engage in community-building activities

designed to support a smooth transition into the school year. Leadership also discussed creating welcome packages for incoming students, including school materials and at-home learning resources.

The school reported approximately 120 incoming kindergarten students, which is projected to be the largest kindergarten cohort in school history. This growth is expected to expand the program to six kindergarten sections for Fall 2026, reflecting strong community demand and continued confidence in the school.

Finances: Mr. Javier Lopez presented the **current financial statements** to the board. The board also reviewed the proposed budget for **SY 2026–2027** and they approved the opening of a new bank account for the National School Lunch Program.

Discussion included:

- Referendum funding updates, with anticipated funds expected in August.
- Approximate funding amount of **$373,000**.
- Additional referendum allocations and related budget impacts.

Financial statements and budget updates were accepted by the board.

The board also reviewed March financial reports and discussed the school's current cash position, including:

- Increased reserves supported by grant funding, referendum allocations, and capital improvement funds
- The importance of maintaining conservative financial planning despite temporary funding increases
- Continued focus on long-term financial sustainability and reserve management

Business Development: Administration provided an update regarding the Bank of America building opportunity and related development consideration like expansion of the school's computer lab capacity to support state testing needs progress.

The meeting concluded with discussion of future growth initiatives, technology improvements, student programming expansion, and continued academic excellence goals.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30pm