

# Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

## Arizona State Board of Education

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### INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS AMENDMENT REQUEST

(Charter Holder Name) East Mesa Charter Elementary School, Inc. (CTDS) 078509000

(Charter Holder Mailing Address) 18052 N. Black Canyon Highway

(City, State) Phoenix, AZ (Zip) 85053

(Charter Representative's Name) Nancy G. Hall

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↓ Changes in number of contractual days of instruction

Included is the following:

- Board minutes approving the change (minutes must comply with Open Meeting Law ARS §38-431.01)

The Arizona State Board for Charter Schools and East Mesa Charter Elementary School, Inc. (Charter Holder), herein agree to amend the terms of the charter contract as follows:

**FROM:** 185

**TO:** 180

In witness whereof, Charter Holder has signed this contract amendment as of this 21st day of April, 2009, and the State Board for Charter Schools has signed this contract amendment as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, to take effect at such time as it is signed by both parties.

  
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Charter Representative Signature

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Representative Signature for the Arizona State Board for Charter Schools

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**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2009 JOINT MEETING  
OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF  
EAST MESA CHARTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, INC.  
IMAGINE CHARTER MIDDLE AT EAST MESA, INC.**

Pursuant to notice of meeting, a joint meeting of the Boards of Directors (the “Boards”) of East Mesa Charter Elementary School, Inc. (“EME”) and Imagine Charter Middle at East Mesa, Inc. (“EMM”) (collectively the “Schools”), was held at Imagine Charter School at East Mesa located at 9701 E. Southern Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85208 at approximately 8:00 a.m. MST, on the 20th day of April, 2009.

The following directors of the Schools were present in person or by telephone:

Dr. Philip Geiger (telephonically)  
Dr. Leonora Farrah (telephonically)  
Renee French-Pardo (telephonically)

The following others were present in person or by telephone:

Sherry Ruttinger, Principal, East Mesa (in person)  
Brad Uchacz, Assistant Principal, East Mesa (in person)  
Mary Bonsall, Group Finance Director (telephonically)  
Dr. Nancy Hall, Exec. Vice President, Imagine Schools (telephonically)  
Veronica Cramer, Exec. Project Coordinator,  
Imagine Schools (telephonically)  
Monte Lange, Regional Director (telephonically)  
MaryAnn Stackhouse, Business Administrator (telephonically)  
Tom Jankowski, Esq., Greenberg Traurig, LLP (telephonically)  
Cheri Laudenslager, Paralegal, Greenberg Traurig, LLP (telephonically)

Dr. Philip Geiger called the meeting to order and took roll of the governing Board members. Dr. Geiger served as Chairman of the meeting, Dr. Hall tape recorded the meeting and Ms. Laudenslager recorded the minutes.

The first item of business was the review and approval of the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meetings of the Boards of Directors for EME and EMM. There being no further discussion, upon motion of Leonora Farrah, duly made and seconded by Renee French-Pardo, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the February 23, 2009 meetings of the Boards of Directors of EME and EMM be, and hereby are, accepted and approved by the Board.

The next item of business was the report, review and possible action regarding the revised 2008-2009 annual budget (EME). MaryAnn Stackhouse reported on and explained the balanced budget. After a brief discussion, upon motion of Renee French-Pardo, duly made and seconded by Leonora Farrah, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the 2008-2009 annual budget for EME be, and hereby is, accepted and approved by the Board.

The next item of business was the report, review and possible action regarding the revised 2008-2009 annual budget for EMM. MaryAnn Stackhouse reported on the balanced budget. There being no further discussion, upon motion of Leonora Farrah, duly made and seconded by Renee French-Pardo, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the 2008-2009 annual budget for EMM be, and hereby is, accepted and approved by the Board.

The next item of business was the report, review and possible action regarding amendment to the Operating Agreement. This item was tabled for the next meeting.

The next item of business was the consideration of reducing the number of instructional days. Monte Lange stated multiple reasons for the recommendation that EMM and EME reduce instruction days from 185 days to 180 days, including cost savings, alignment with local district instructional days, and because learning research supports the reduction. After a lengthy discussion, upon motion of Philip Geiger, duly made and seconded by Leonora Farrah, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that for one year only, a reduction of the number of contractual days of instruction from 185 to 180 days be approved for a trial period be, and hereby is, accepted and approved by the Board. This item is to be revisited after a one year trial.

The next item of business was the report, review and possible action regarding the proposed 2009-2010 school calendar. There being no further discussion, upon motion of Leonora Farrah, duly made and seconded by Renee French-Pardo, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that proposed 2009-2010 school calendar, be, and hereby is, accepted and approved by the Board.

The next item of business was the report, review and vote whether to approve engagement letter for 2008-2009 audit. MaryAnn Stackhouse reported that the Auditor, Joel Huber, requested a slight fee increase for the next school year. Dr. Geiger objected to any fee increase, given the difficult economic climate. After a brief discussion, upon motion of Philip Geiger, duly made and seconded by Leonora Farrah, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that approval of the engagement letter is conditional upon renewal of Joel Huber's fees not to exceed exact amounts paid for FY09 be, and hereby is, accepted and approved by the Board.

The Chairman stated that the next item of business was the report, review and possible action regarding Regional Director's Report. Monte Lange presented the report. Mr. Lange explained that the Schools are going through the North Central Accreditation process. This is information only; therefore, no action is required.

The next item of business was the report, review and possible action regarding School Leader's Report. Sherry Ruttinger reported the focus on increasing parental activity on a social level as well as with student project activity. Dr. Farrah commended the Schools on their willingness to assess areas of improvement and briefly discussed grant focus. Dr. Nancy Hall acknowledged her pride in the Schools for going through the accreditation process and commented on how hard they are working. This is information only; therefore, no action is required.

The Chairman then called to the public for any additional issues to come before the meeting and there were none.

Dr. Hall advised that the next meetings will be held on June 1, 2009 and June 15, 2009 to propose, consider and adopt the budget for the 2009-2010 school year. She reminded the Board that all meetings will start at 8:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion of Dr. Geiger, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:34 a.m.

APPROVED:

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Secretary  
East Mesa Charter Elementary School  
Imagine Charter Middle at East Mesa, Inc.