



**ARKANSAS SCHOOL FOR INTEGRATED ACADEMICS
AND TECHNOLOGIES LITTLE ROCK, INC.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m. Quorum was established.

Members Present: James Graham, Philip Hood, Brett Smith, Essie Talley

Members Absent: Lindsey Brown, Ernie Murry

Guests/Staff Members: Chris Bell, Stacy Burse, Kris Mallory (via telephone), Saliha Qazi, Linda Scott (via telephone), Katie Tatum

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by member Hood and seconded by member Smith, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented (see below):

- A. **Approve** Meeting Agenda for March 17, 2016
- B. **Approve** Regular Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2016

AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – FINANCE/BUSINESS SERVICES

- A. **Receive/Approve** Monthly Financial Summary
 - February Financial Report

The Board received the February monthly financial summary as presented by Chris Bell.

- B. **Review/Receive** 2015 Audit

Mr. Bell stated a copy of the 2015 Annual Audit is included in the Board packet. Due to the combined efforts of the school and NEWCorp, there were no findings and no issues.

The Board received the 2015 Audit.

Note: At this time, Mr. Bell introduced Saliha Qazi. Saliha handles the accounting for SIATech Little Rock.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

- A. **Principal's Report:** Ms. Tatum gave her report. She stated:

- Extended thanks to Chris Bell and Saliha Qazi for their help and is very appreciative of their excellent turn-around time in responding to her requests
- State Board of Education meeting on March 10 regarding Charter Authorizing Panel action on the recent charter renewal and open-enrollment priority status
- A state board meeting regarding Academic Distress status is scheduled for April 14th.



- Dr. Toney, from ADE, stopped by on March 14th to provide support for the school and to further develop a written report specific to our school. Current indicators are not aligned with an alternative school setting.
 - Chris Bell stated that it is important to come up with realistic alternative measures as opposed to standardized testing.
- Ms. Tatum attended an Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) Task Force meeting; Scott Smith from the Arkansas Public Schools Resource Center (APSRC) was also in attendance.
 - Chris Bell spoke about some of the stringent qualifiers for ALE, e.g. over age, under credit, and whole school. He also stated that ALE funds are funded by the school up front and reimbursed later.
 - The next ALE meeting is scheduled at the capitol next month; we plan to attend.
- Presented Mr. Graham with a certificate for completion of the board training hosted by APSRC in December, 2015.

B. Central Office Update: Kris gave the Central Office Update as follows:

- Congratulations on the charter renewal – thanks was extended to Ms. Tatum, her staff, board members, and to Mr. Bell and his staff for all of their support and hard work in bringing the charter renewal to fruition.
- The AdvancEd Little Rock school accreditation visit is scheduled for March 29th. Ms. Pianka will be on site to represent NEWCorp.
- New Learning Management System (LMS), Schoology, and formal Individual Learning Plan (ILP) will be implemented in the 2016-17 school year.
- PowerSchool is also being upgraded and will require minimal entry.
- SIATech Little Rock will be piloting Alumni Outreach efforts as a result of their success in tracking alumni's next steps after high school.

AGENDA ITEM #5- BOARD BUSINESS

A. Nominate/Seat Board Member Candidate, Mr. James Williams

This item will be tabled to the April board meeting.

B. Proposed Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting – April 28, 2016

- Nominate/Seat Board Member Candidate, Mr. James Williams
- Financial Report
- Principal's Report

AGENDA ITEM #6 – FINAL REMARKS

There were no remarks or other business.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discipline Case #2015-16.004

Discipline Case #2015-16.005

Convene to Executive Session Time: 3:34 p.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting Time: 3:41 p.m.

Report of Action Taken (if any):

Discipline Case #2015-16.004: Expelled for 1 full year

Discipline Case #2015-16.005: Expelled for 1 full year with a recommendation for student to attend Youth Build

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:51 p.m.

Minutes Recorder: Stacy Burse



James Graham, Board Secretary

5-26-16
Date