



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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 22, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 p.m. Quorum was established.

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

Members Absent: Lindsay Brown

Guests/Staff Members: Chris Bell, Stacy Burse, Kris Mallory, Katie Tatum, Tanita Taylor

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by member Hood and seconded by member Graham, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda with the following changes:

A. Approve Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2016

- **Table Agenda Item #3C to October 20, 2016 Board meeting - ‘Approve Resolution A.C.A. §6-13-635 (in accordance with Act 1120 of 2013) to October 20, 2016 board meeting’**
- **Add Agenda Item - Approve ACSIP Plan**
 - *A suggestion was made to replace Agenda Item #3C with this item as Agenda Item #3C was tabled to the October 20th board meeting. Mr. Bell indicated that it would be appropriate to include this item under Finance/Business Services.*

B. Approve Regular Meeting Minutes for August 25, 2016

The August 25, 2016 minutes were approved as presented.

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

- August Financial Report

The Board received the August Financial Summary as presented by Chris Bell.

During the renewal process the Arkansas Department of Education Charter Review Panel expressed concern about the decrease in the fund balance. They want to make sure that the school has the funds to remain solvent and that the school’s expenditures do not exceed revenue receipts for the year. We assured them that we would remain solvent and further explained that when SIATech Little Rock moved off of the Job Corps center, we used our fund balance to renovate our existing building and support operating cost while enrollment recovered.

The school will receive approximately \$41,000 in Title 1 funds – The plan is to hire a Social Worker with these funds. Title 1 is a federal program; fund allocation is based on census data from the student’s resident district.

B. Approve Annual Financial Report for 2015-16 and Budget for 2016-17

Mr. Bell reviewed the 2015-16 Annual Financial Report and 2016-17 Budget with the Board.
On a motion by member Hood and seconded by member Graham, the Board unanimously approved the 2015-16 Annual Financial Report and the 2016-17 Budget.

C. Approve Resolution A.C.A. §6-13-635 (in accordance with Act 1120 of 2013)

This item was tabled to the October 20th meeting.

D. Approve ACSIP Plan

On a motion by member Hood and seconded by member Graham, the Board unanimously approved the ACSIP Plan and authorized Ms. Tatum to sign such assurances attesting to compliance with all assurances applicable to each program for which the plan is submitted.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Lori Belzman provided training for the new Social Studies teacher and the new English teacher. Ms. Tatum expressed her appreciation for her efforts.
- Staff from the Arkansas Public Schools Resource Center (APSRC) provided input for the submission of Title 1 information to the state. This information has to be uploaded by October 1st in order to be in compliance.
- The new ADE Specialist, Ms. White, will be here next Thursday.
- Enrollment is at 156; some students have been incarcerated. New enrollments include students who are Spanish speaking; looking for support to teach ELL.
- Mr. Kolapo, Job Corps Center Director stated that he would like SIATech Little Rock to be his school of choice. Signed a contract; 25 students will start school on October 1st.
- Additional computers (20) are being sent to SIATech Little Rock for students from the SIATech Central Office
- Waiting to hear back from Scott Smith regarding ALE designation

B. Central Office Update: Kris Mallory gave the Central Office Update. She stated:

- RAPSA - Reaching At-Promise Students Association is sponsoring the 2016 Policy forum.
- Dr. Dawson has been asked to serve on the APSRC Advisory Committee and attended the first meeting on August 30th. Ongoing issues in Arkansas include the implementation of new accountability standards for alternative education schools like ours.
- Working on a partnership with Vista Unified School District, our sponsor, around personalized learning and career technical education.
- NEWCorp and Chugach (Job Corps Management Company) produced a bid to the Department of Labor for operation of the North Texas Job Corps. If the Chugach bid is accepted, NEWCorp will be sub-contracted to run the education and training piece of the operation.
- Taking over the charter management of two charter schools in Jacksonville, Florida
- Career Pathways Trust....several initiatives this year to help students to be more successful:
 - Look at 'End in Mind' – Where does the student want to be 20 years from now? What does the student need in order to be successful for the rest of his/her life? This information will be used to drive their learning.

- There will be a more direct approach to each student having an ILP. Each staff member can have a caseload. Brief notes can be noted in PowerSchool. The student's ILP will link to goal setting.
- Encouraging an engaging opening or closing activity in the classroom on a regular basis
- Sites may consider holding Cohort Social Group. Suggested format: three days a week, 3 hours per day
- Board training charts (specific to each board member) were passed around. A list of some available trainings was given to Ms. Tatum. Ms. Mallory stressed the importance for board members to complete their initial and annual trainings. If board members fail to meet the annual training requirement, the school may be placed on probationary status for violating the Standards of Accreditation. Ms. Mallory stated that the Arkansas Public Schools Resource Center (APSRC) will be offering several trainings. The trainings are scheduled for October 25th and November 15th at 5:30 p.m. and will take place at APSRC. Dinner will be provided. Ms. Mallory encouraged board members to work with Ms. Tatum or herself on a plan to meet the board training requirements.

AGENDA ITEM #5- BOARD BUSINESS

A. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting – October 20, 2016

- Financial Report , Principal's Report
- Approve Resolution A.C.A. §6-13-635
- Annual Report to the Public
- Expulsions (2)

AGENDA ITEM #6 – FINAL REMARKS

There were no remarks or other business.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Convene to Executive Session **Time:** 3:04 p.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting **Time:** 3:50 p.m.

Report of Action Taken (if any):


Discipline Case #2016-17.002 – The student was expelled for a full year.

Discipline Case #2016-17.003 – The student may return to school. If there are any further incidents, the student will be expelled.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:38 p.m.

Minutes Recorder: Stacy Burse


James Graham, Board Secretary

10-20-16
Date