



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 26, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m. Quorum was established.

Members Present: James Graham, Philip Hood, Brett Smith

Members Absent: Lindsay Brown, Essie Talley

Guests/Staff Members: Chris Bell, Stacy Burse, Dr. Dawson, Katie Tatum, Tanita Taylor, Neil Deam, Daryl Hampton, James Williams

AGENDA ITEM #1 – CONSENT AGENDA

A. **Approve** Meeting Agenda for January 26, 2017

On a motion by member Brett Smith and seconded by member James Graham, the Board unanimously approved the January 26, 2017 agenda with the following additions:

- **Approve Student Handbook** (under Ms. Tatum's Report)
- **Discuss/Approve Use of Restricted Funds** (under Ms. Tatum's Report)

B. **Approve** Regular Meeting Minutes for December 15, 2016

On a motion by member James Graham and seconded by member Brett Smith, the Board unanimously approved the December 15, 2016 meeting minutes.

AGENDA ITEM #2 – PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments on agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM #3 – FINANCE/BUSINESS SERVICES

Mr. Bell introduced two CPAs from Complete Consulting, Neil Denman and Deron Hamilton.

A. **Receive/Approve** Monthly Financial Summary

- December Financial Report

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

- Receive Annual Form 990

Mr. Bell reviewed the Annual Form 990 (2015) with the Board. He distributed copies to the board for their review. He requested that board members let him know if they had any questions. He stated that he will file the 2015 Annual Form 990 by February 15th.

AGENDA ITEM #4 - REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

- On Tuesday, there was an on campus visit from Sharesa White, Public School Program Advisor with ADE/School Improvement System. Changes were made to the 45 Day Plan. The new changes will be used for 3rd and 4th quarter reporting.
- **Approve** Student Handbook. Ms. Tatum reviewed the changes with the Board. She stated that two members from the ADE Standards Unit were on campus for the 5 year site

visit. Only one item was noted. The Student Handbook was updated to include Free and Appropriate Education (FAPE) information. The remediation plan was also revised.

On a motion by member Brett Smith and seconded by member James Graham, the Board unanimously approved the Updated Student Handbook.

- Currently trying to get clarification from ADE regarding waiver regarding four-day school week. School would be in session Monday through Thursday; the length of the school day would be increased. Staff hours would be 8-5:30 pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Mr. Smith stated that another school, Pine Bluff, has followed this model. Both the staff and students like it. This model is also cost efficient. ***The Board expressed approval for trying this model.***
- Ms. Tatum spoke about the challenges that SIATech Little Rock's student population faces.
- Ms. Wendylin Bryant was introduced. Ms. Bryant stated that she applied for a BlueCross/BlueShield grant and was awarded the grant. The grant is \$1000 and the monies will be used for fitness and health activities.
- Title 1 Funds – These funds were designated for a Social Worker. To date, only one person has been interviewed; the job is still posted. Required to spend 85% of Title 1 funds and the monies can only be used for specific purposes.
- Ms. Tatum requested the Board to approve a one-time, non-recurring stipend of \$700 for staff members as they have been providing some of the services/assistance that a Social Worker might provide. The stipends will be paid from NSLA funds if approved by ADE. ***On a motion by member James Graham and seconded by member Brett Smith, the Board unanimously approved the one-time, non-recurring stipend of \$700.***

B. Central Office Update: Dr. Dawson gave the Central Office Update. She stated:

Note: A copy of Dr. Dawson's report is included in the board packet.

- Met with Scott Smith and Lisa Todd regarding ALE status. SIATech Little Rock is considered to be an ALE school but since the designation isn't official yet, there isn't a funding stream (approximately \$190,000).
- Will be meeting with the ALE Director on February 7th in Fort Smith
- A meeting is scheduled with Johnny Keys, Commissioner of Arkansas Department of Education. Ken James (former State Commissioner of Education) will attend this meeting to speak on our behalf.
- Lisa Todd filled the position formerly held by Barbara Cox at APSRC.
- Thanked board for their thoughtfulness and consideration.

AGENDA ITEM #5- BOARD BUSINESS

A. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting – February 23, 2017

- Financial Report
- Principal's Report
- Waiver Request – 4 Day School Week; Extended Hours for Staff on two Days

AGENDA ITEM #6 – FINAL REMARKS

- Mr. James Williams, board candidate, was introduced. He shared background information with the board.

- Mr. Hood thanked staff for all of their hard work and efforts in meeting the needs of SIATech's Little Rock at-promise students.

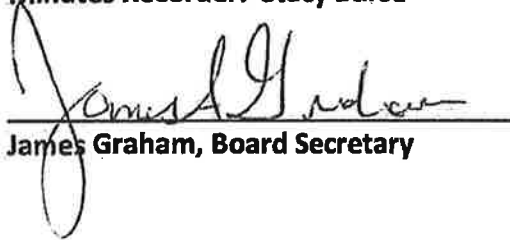
AGENDA ITEM #7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Discipline Case #2016-17.010 - There was no expulsion hearing; the student transferred.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:01 p.m.

Minutes Recorder: Stacy Burse


James Graham, Board Secretary

3-16-17
Date