



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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 23, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:04p.m. Quorum was established.

Members Present: Lindsay Brown, Philip Hood (via phone), Brett Smith, Essie Talley

Members Absent: James Graham

Guests/Staff Members: Chris Bell, Dr. Linda Dawson (via phone), Linda Scott (via phone), Katie Tatum, Tanita Taylor

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 February 23, 2017
- B. **Approve** Regular Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2017

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

- January Financial Report

Mr. Bell stated that the fund and cash balances looked good. He also stated that management fees are still due to NEWCorp.

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

AGENDA ITEM #4 - REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

- Cycle 5 was submitted with no errors.
- Cafeteria worker started on Tuesday with 23 years' experience and 5 certifications
- Sharesa White, School Improvement Specialist was on campus visiting classrooms and talking to students
- Received a letter that Title I budget was approved
- OSR Standards letter was received with no findings but had the wrong school name on it. A new letter will be mailed.
- Submitting a waiver for a 4 day school week; a letter must be submitted to the commissioner requesting that this item be placed on the agenda for March (a copy of the letter is included in the board packet). Shared data w/Board reflecting students' attendance on Fridays (approximately 19% attendance rate).

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

- Staff is working on a Federal Charter Management Replication grant (\$25 million dollars over five years); expansion in Arkansas is included.
- On February 7, Ms. Tatum and Dr. Dawson visited Belle Point Center, an ALE school in Fort Smith. They were given a tour of the school.
- Trying to schedule a meeting with Johnny Keys, Commissioner of Arkansas Department of Education regarding the ALE funding
- Developing an Arkansas data sheet for use in advocacy and telling our story to policy makers

AGENDA ITEM #5- BOARD BUSINESS

Discuss/Approve Waiver Request for 4 Day School Week *Note: Ms. Tatum talked about this item during her report. The Board expressed their approval for trying this model at the January 26, 2017 board meeting.*

A. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting – March 16, 2017

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

AGENDA ITEM #6 – FINAL REMARKS

There were no remarks or other business.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Discipline Case #2016-17.010

B. Discipline Case #2016-17.011

Convene to Executive Session Time: 3:21p.m.

Reconvene to Regular Meeting Time: 3:45p.m.

Report of Action Taken (if any):

Discipline Case #2016-17.010 – Student is expelled for one full calendar year.

Discipline Case #2016-17.011 – Student is suspended for the remainder of the school year and upon return will be placed on a Student Behavior/Contract plan.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:46p.m.

Minutes Recorder: Tanita Taylor


James Graham, Board Secretary


Date