



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

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:09p.m. Quorum was established.

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

Members Absent: Lindsay Brown

Guests/Staff Members: Chris Bell, Linda Dawson, Dave Meyer, 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 March 16, 2017

B. **Approve** Regular Meeting Minutes for February 23, 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

➤ February Financial Report

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

AGENDA ITEM #4 - REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS

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

- A representative from the Farm Bureau Safe Driving Program was here on Tues., March 7 to present a program to students. She provided detailed information including an update regarding the new fees.
- First Black Santa (Santa Larry) was on campus at the end of February to speak to the students
- A recruiter from University of Central Missouri was here Friday, March 10 to give students information about the college; stated that there are no out of state fees.
- Ms. Romero (Math teacher) and Ms. Tatum attended APSRC Virtual Reality Tool Kits and training
- Bret Smith arranged a meeting with the youth services academic team.
- Stacy Burse, Administrative Assistant, was terminated.
- 7 interviews were conducted for the Administrative Assistant position; there was one no show. There are 3 potential candidates for the Social Studies position; interviews have not been conducted.
- The cafeteria worker will be leaving; thereby we will not have anyone to attend the Child Nutrition Management training in June.



- The request for the 4 day school week was presented to AR State Board and was approved unanimously. DYS Case worker, Brooke Taylor, spoke about the benefits of a 4 day school week for SIATech Little Rock's student population. Bianca Pippins, student/single parent, also spoke about the advantages of the 4 day school week. She will be a May graduate. The 4 day work week will begin on April 3.
- The hot water heater in the records rooms burst and flooded the back end of the school including the cafeteria. A service call was placed to a plumber; an insurance claim was submitted.
- Provided the Board with an update of the waivers. Dr. Mallet contacted Ms. Tatum regarding the waiver about the Parental Improvement Plan involving Title I. She will meet with them tomorrow regarding this.
- Ms. Tatum and Ms. Taylor attended the memorial of the student who was gunned down after the State Board meeting last Wednesday.

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

- Ms. Tatum and Dr. Dawson visited an ALE school in Fort Smith and were given a tour of the school.
- Continuing to move forward to attain ALE designation for SIATech Little Rock
- Ken James and Scott Smith are seeking a meeting with Commissioner Key regarding the ALE funding.
- Attended the Association of Career Technical Educators (ACTE) Conference in Washington D.C. on March 12-15. The conference updated participants on the federal funding for CTE and efforts to further career technical training for a better workforce.
- President Trump has cut back funding for disabled children but funding for black colleges will remain; the Charter movement received almost a 50% increase
- Looking into a few more grants; working with Dr. Hall on a Walton Foundation grant
- Met a student, Bianca Pippins, who spoke in front of the State Board of Education in support of a four day week for SIATech Little Rock.
- Dave Meyer, Director of Instructional Technologies & Learning Support, is also here visiting SIATech Little Rock.

AGENDA ITEM #5- BOARD BUSINESS

A. Seat Board Candidate, Mr. James Williams - This item was tabled to the April 27th board meeting.

B. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting – April 27, 2017

- Financial Report
- Principal's Report
- Seat Board Member Candidate, Mr. James Williams
- Fiscal Year Budget

AGENDA ITEM #6 – FINAL REMARKS

There were no remarks or other business.

AGENDA ITEM #7 – EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Discipline Case #2016-17.012
- B. Discipline Case #2016-17.013
- C. Discipline Case #2016-17.014
- D. Discipline Case #2016-17.015
- E. Discipline Case #2016-17.016

Convene to Executive Session **Time:** 3:58 p.m.
Reconvene to Regular Meeting **Time:** 6:36 p.m.

Report of Action Taken (if any):

Discipline Case #2016-17.012: Student retained as an independent study student. Student is not allowed on campus for anything, including classwork. Student has 1 year to complete graduation requirements. Teachers will meet student and his parents at a public library or other public area to administer any tests.

Discipline Case #2016-17.013: Student was retained.

Discipline Case #2016-17.014: Student was retained.

Discipline Case #2016-17.015: Student was retained.

Discipline Case #2016-17.016: Student was expelled.

AGENDA ITEM #8 – ADJOURNMENT

Having no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:37p.m.

Minutes Recorder: Tanita Taylor



James Graham, Board Secretary

4/27/17

Date