



Miller-McCoy Academy for Mathematics and Business

Special Board Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2012

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Xavier University

Student Union Center

2nd floor – Room 205C

1 Drexel Drive

New Orleans, LA 70125

I. Welcome

Call to Order Michael 12:00

The following were present:

Board: David Bailey, Kelly Brown, Joseph Byrd, Martin de Laoreal, Betty Hope, Nat Jones, Blake Oakes, Margo Phelps, Damon Singleton, Michael Todd, and Tyronne Walker.

MMA Staff: Torey Calhoun and Nadirah Mateen

Consultant: Paul Dauphin (Principle Communciations)

II. Action Items

Michael

12:05

- *Establish Adhoc Committees:*

1) Miller-McCoy Transition Committee

Committee Members – Nat (Co-Chairperson), Tyronne (Co-Chairperson), Blake, Benton, Margo, Damon, Keith Sanders and or his designee

2) Governance Committee

Committee Members – Ralph (Chairperson), Kelly, Blake, Martin

3) Public Relation Committee

Committee Members – Damon (Chairperson), Tyronne, Martin, Monica Pierre (Public Relations Consultant)

4) Retirement Plan Committee

Committee Members – David (Chairperson), Ralph, Blake, Kelly, Michael (Ex officio), Tyronne, Torey Calhoun (Middle School Special Education Teacher), Nadirah Mateen (8th Grade ELA Teacher) and Joshua Everage (8th Grade Math Teacher)

5) Charter Renewal Committee

Committee Members – David, Blake, Kelly, Michael (Ex officio), Tyronne, Betty, Benton, Andrea Thomas-Reynolds (Consultant), Brian Joseph (High School Director), Wade Hanley (Middle School Director), Kara Gardner (Director of Special Services), Jacinta Sanders (Director of Finance), Norven Shipp (Director of Athletics), Latanya Graham (Director of College Program), Keith Sanders

III. Executive Session

12:30

- Call to Order Executive Session
 - o Employee Matter pursuant to LA R.S. 42:17 A (1).
- A motion was offered to enter into executive session, all members voted and it was unanimously approved to enter into executive session to discuss an employment matter.
- The board adjourned the executive session and resumed the regular meeting
- A motion was introduced to Amend the Agenda to review the following items:
 - A. Self-Reporting of a Potential Ethics Violation
 - o After learning of a potential ethics violation concerning the school's change in transportation vendors, the board is concerned that there is a potential violation of the Code of Governmental Ethics. A motion was offered for the board to self-report the matter to RSD and the State Ethics office, all members voted and the motion was unanimously approved.
 - B. Accept Resignation of School Leader Keith Sanders
 - o Keith Sanders had previously offered his resignation to the board to be effective September 28, 2012, which the board accepted. At this time the board feels it is in the best interest of the school to separate Keith Sanders' service from the school effective immediately, so we

can begin the process of a leadership transition. A motion was offered to accept the resignation of Keith Sanders with his last day at school being Friday, September 14, 2012 and that we would pay him at his regular rate through September 28, 2012; all voted and the motion was unanimously approved.

C. Review Proposal from Pinnacle Learning Systems, LLC

- The board reviewed a proposal from Pinnacle Learning Systems, LLC to engage Dr. Andrea Thomas-Reynolds as a consultant to help lead the school through the Charter Renewal Application. A motion was introduced to give board chairman, Michael Todd, the authority to engage Pinnacle Learning Systems, LLC on behalf of the board to consult the board on the charter renewal application; all voted and the motion was unanimously approved. Michael will review the proposal with our legal counsel before we enter into a contract.

D. Appoint Dr. Andrea Thomas-Reynolds to chair the Charter Renewal ad hoc Committee

- A motion was introduced to appoint Dr. Andrea Thomas-Reynolds (Interim Consultant) to chair the Charter Renewal ad hoc Committee; all voted, David Bailey opposed, all others approved and the motion was approved by majority.
- ALL VOTED on the motion to amend the agenda and it was unanimously approved (Martin de Laoreal was not present for III, so did not participate).

IV. Adjournment

1:00

- A motion was introduced to adjourn the meeting, ALL VOTED and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Blake E. Oakes
Secretary