

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

February 14, 2017 – 5:30pm

Western International High School
1500 Scotten Street, Detroit 48209

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District was called to order by Vice President Peterson-Mayberry at 5:34pm

Roll Call

Secretary of the Board, Karen Morgan called the roll:

Present: Deborah Hunter-Harvill, Georgia Lemmons, LaMar Lemmons, Sonya Mays, Angelique Peterson-Mayberry, Misha Stallworth, and *Iris Taylor

There being a quorum present, the meeting was declared in session.

*arrived after roll call

Meeting Norms

Meeting Norms were read to the audience by Vice President Peterson-Mayberry

Student Presentation

Color Guard, “Star Spangled Banner” and “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Welcome

Principal Angel Garcia and Students offered the welcome address

Approval of the Agenda

Member L. Lemmons requested a motion to amend the agenda to add Commerce Financial, LLC to continue business with the District as previous before Emergency Manager.

Treasurer Mays requested a motion to amend the agenda to include the approval of the recommendations of the Student Code of Conduct Hearing Review Committee.

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry requested a motion to amend the agenda to include a Report regarding the Superintendent Search

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Member L. Lemmons motioned to approve the agenda as amended

Treasurer Mays seconded

Motion carried as amended

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Stallworth moved a motion to approve the minutes from January 19th and 24, 2017

Treasurer Mays supported

Motion carried without objection

President's Remarks and Board Comments

President offered brief remarks regarding SSRO and the potential school closures

New Business

Ivy Bailey, newly elected DFT President read a Resolution to Designate Campuses as Safe Zones and to Create Resource Centers for Students and Families Threatened by Immigration Enforcement along with remarks regarding the hiring of teachers.

Standing Board Committee Reports

Academics Committee

Academics Committee Report was presented by Chair and Member Deborah Hunter-Harvill

Secretary Stallworth requested a motion to approve the Academics Committee Report

Member L. Lemmons supported

Motion carried without objection

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Report was presented by Chair and Treasurer Sonya Mays

Member L. Lemmons is requesting a motion for the vetting of New York Mellon Bank which is the Trustee for DPS for fees paid, length of contract, and extent of contract.

Treasurer Mays supported

Motion carried without objection

Member L. Lemmons moved to request a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry supported

Motion Carried without objection

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Superintendent Search Committee

Superintendent Search Committee Report was presented by Chair and Vice President Angelique Peterson-Mayberry

Superintendent's Report

Interim General Superintendent, Alycia Meriweather presented the Superintendent's Report which included Academics, Operations, and Talent.

Deputy Superintendent of Finance Report

Deputy Superintendent of Finance, Marios Demetriou presented his report on the District's finances.

Treasurer Mays moved to accept the Finance Report

Finance Deputy Superintendent stated there are no tax monies coming from the State for the purpose mentioned only monies from Renaissance Zone goes to DPS to pay for operating debt. Nothing from Ilitch Holdings.

Member L. Lemmons asked if any additional monies would be coming to the District from the state to reimburse for the Tax caption. Also noted teacher vacancies created a surplus and artificial balance.

Finance will provide a report on the information at the Special Finance meeting.

Motion to accept the Finance Report is approved without objection.

ACTION ITEMS:

Designation of Person to Post Meeting Notices

Chair designated Karen Morgan, Secretary to the Board as the person to post meeting notices.

DPSCD Charter Reauthorization

Member Hunter-Harvill moved that the Board Reauthorizes the Charter for MacDowell Preparatory Academy

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Secretary Stallworth abstained

Motion Carried without objection.

Member Hunter-Harvill moved that the Board Reauthorizes the Charter for Rutherford Winans Academy

Member G. Lemmons seconded

Motion Carried without objection.

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Innovation Proposals

Member Hunter-Harvill moved that the Board Adopt the Academic Innovation Proposals for 2017-2018 School year.

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Motion Carried without objection

Out-of-State Travel

Treasurer Mays moved to approve all Out-of-State Travel brought before the Board

Member Hunter-Harvill seconded

Motion Carried without objection

School/Department	Conference Name	Location	Dates	Total Est. Cost
Schultz Academy	ASCD	Anaheim, CA	3/24/17 – 3/27/17	\$5,196.00
Osborn College	HUCU College Tour	NC, GA, AL, TN, OH	3/27/17 – 4/01/17	\$43,754.00
Office of Career Readiness	38 th Annual IRP's National Institute	Chicago, IL	4/10/17 - 4/15/17	\$9,013.60
Curriculum	Restorative Practices Train-the-Trainer	Evanston, IL	4/23/17 - 4/26/17	\$3,104.00
Office of Career Readiness	37 th Annual NACTEL Conference	Little Rock, AK	5/7/17 – 5/11/17	\$3,702.44
Adult Education	Brunstein & Manasevit Spring Forum	Washington, DC	5/9/17 - 5/12/17	\$5,743.80
Drew Transition	NSBA Annual Conference	Denver, CO	3/24/17 – 3/26/17	\$1,400.00
Office of Specialized Student Services	2017 General/Special Education Conference	Seattle, WA	3/7/17 – 3/11/17	\$4,149.44
Office of Specialized Student Services	38 th Annual IRP's National Institute	Chicago, IL	4/22/17 - 4/27/17	\$12,034.00
Office of Specialized Student Services	38 th Annual IRP's National Institute	Chicago, IL	4/22/17 - 4/27/17	\$4,600.00
Office of Specialized Student Services	14 th Annual Young Child Expo & Conference	New York, NY	5/1/17 – 5/6/17	\$8,062.60
Renaissance High School	Center for College Readiness		3/12/17 – 3/14/17	\$8,062.60
Cass Tech High School	ISTE Conference	San Antonio, TX	6/24/17 – 6/29/17	\$2,865.94
Bunch Academy	ACD	Anaheim, CA	3/21/17 – 3/21/17	\$12,308.00
Benjamin Carson	National Science Conference	Los Angeles, CA	3/28/17 – 4/3/17	\$6,004.04
Benjamin Carson	National Council of Teachers of Mathematics	San Antonio, TX	4/4/17 – 4/8/17	\$2,557.40

Clerical Support

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry moved to request additional Clerical support for the Board office.

Member L. Lemmons seconded

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Motion Carried without objection.

Renaming Southeastern High School

Treasurer Mays moved to consider renaming Southeastern High School
Secretary Stallworth seconded

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry moved to request an amendment to the motion to state that the Board does not move forward with the process if the community is not in agreement.
Motion to amend carried

Chair moved a motion that the Board sanction a process to discuss the renaming of the school.
Motion Carried without objection

Commerce Financial, LLC

Member L. Lemmons moved a motion to direct Interim Superintendent to resume the normal process to allow Commerce Financial, LLC to resume the process to sell and service in accordance with DPSCD policy which includes the vetting for payroll deduction.
A vote was called on the motion
Member L. Lemmons requested a Roll Call vote

The Roll Call vote was as follows:

Deborah Hunter-Harvill	Yes
Georgia Lemmons	Yes
LaMar Lemmons	Yes
Sonya Mays	No
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	No
Misha Stallworth	No
Iris Taylor	No

Motion failed

Student Code of Conduct Review Committee

Treasurer Mays moved to approve the recommendations by the Review Committee on the Petitions for Reinstatement for the two (2) students who had a hearing on February 9, 2017. The background for the vote was provided to the members.

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Member Hunter-Harvill second
Motion Carried without objection

Closed Session

Roll Call for Closed Session was called
All members in favor

Motion to return from Closed Session at 8:05pm was moved and carried

Announcements and Acknowledgements

Delta Sorority and Kroger Scholarships were announced

Public Comment

EAA parents and students participated in public comments

Adjournment

President called motion for adjournment
No objections
Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm



Certified:
Karen Morgan, B.S.B.M
Secretary of the Board