

DETROIT PUBLIC SCHOOLS COMMUNITY DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 11, 2017 - 5:30pm

East English Village Preparatory Academy
5020 Cadieux, Detroit, MI 48224

MINUTES

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Detroit Public Schools Community District was called to order by President Taylor at 5:35pm.

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.

Meeting Norms

Meeting Norms were read to the audience by President Taylor.

Student Presentation

Color Guard, "Star Spangled Banner", and "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Welcome

Welcome was presented by Principal Charlene Mallory. Principal Mallory requested Board consideration to allow EEVPA to become an eastside examination high school.

Approval of Agenda

Treasurer Mays motion to approve the Agenda

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Member L. Lemmons requested the Durfee issue be added to the agenda.

Chair stated the investigation had not been completed.

Member L. Lemmons and Chair agreed the discussion would be tabled until the Board receives additional information to make a clear decision no later than the May meeting.

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Motion carried without objection

Approval of Minutes

Minutes coming forth for approval were from March 14, 2017 Special and Closed Session meetings and March 16, 2017 Special and Closed Session meetings.

Treasurer Mays motion to approve the minutes of both Special and Closed Session Meetings for March 16, 2017

Member L. Lemmons seconded

The minutes for the meetings were separated due to a concern by both VP Peterson-Mayberry and Treasurer Mays with Closed Session minutes.

Chair amended the motion to approve the agenda for the March 16, 2016 Special Meeting only.

Treasurer Mays accepted the amendment

VP Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Treasurer Mays amended the motion to approve the minutes for the March 16, 2017 Special Meeting only and not Closed Session.

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Motion carried without objection

Since no discussion can be had in the open regarding Closed Session, Chair requested members to note any changes on the Closed Session minutes to be voted on at the next meeting.

Treasurer Mays moved a motion to approve Minutes collectively as distributed.

Secretary Stallworth supported

Motion carried without objection

President's Remarks and Board Comments

Chair presented remarks and board comments. During the report, Treasurer Mays and Secretary Stallworth accepted the Chairs appointment to the Educational Achievement Authority (EAA) Transition Adhoc Committee.

Standing Board Committee Reports

Curriculum/Academic Report

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Chair Hunter-Harvill presented the Academic Committee Report. Chair requested an update from Interim Superintendent Meriweather on the status of the Pilot Program for Quick2Learn. Superintendent stated a written update was sent yesterday (Monday, April 10, 2017). Since services were being offered for free a partnership agreement needed to be submitted to the partnership office. The request was given to the academic team for review on Friday, April 7, 2017. Superintendent was not sure when the company submitted to the partnership office but noted it was given back for review. Also stated, the intention is to approve the pilot but it must go through the partnership office and that the agreement needs to be signed.

Chair Hunter-Harvill moved to rescind the original motion of March 14, 2017 to Request to issue charter contracts to the Trix, Murphy, and Stewart Performance Academies, which are K-8 schools that have operated under a single charter as Michigan Educational Choice Center (MECC) since 2012.

Member L. Lemmons seconded

Member L. Lemmons called a point of order regarding Chair Harvill using the words “I move” while expressing her reason for rescinding her motion.

Chair stated there was an understanding that the use of the word “move” by Chair Harvill was out of order.

Treasurer Mays requested Kisha Verducco, Director of Charter Schools address the Board regarding the potential impact of rescinding the motion.

Member L. Lemmons challenged the rule of the chair in allowing Ms. Verducco to address the Board while a motion was on the floor.

Chair asked Counsel for Robert’s Rule of Order to the challenge.

Counsel requested time to review.

Member L. Lemmons withdrew the challenge.

Ms. Verducco stated a five-year contract is standard for Charter schools and that there could be financial implications if not approved.

Member L. Lemmons called a Division of the House

Roll Call Vote on the motion

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

Motion carried

Member Hunter-Harvill motion to approve the EAA Charter Schools for one year to assure that their achievement data is accurate and remain in good standing in order to keep the school open.

VP Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Member L. Lemmons requested the Superintendent address the Board on whether the District is prepared to absorb the Charter Schools in the fall.

Superintendent stated that if the Board decides to continue with the Charter for a year then the District would continue to work on a plan for reabsorption looking at staffing, etc. It was also stated that a drop in enrollment could possibly take place.

Motion carried without objection

Treasurer Mays motion to approve the Academic Report

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Motion carried without objection

Finance Committee

Chair and Treasurer Mays presented the Finance Committee Report providing the Board with background and committee recommendations for resolutions, contracts and out-of-state travel that will be brought before the Board for approval.

Treasurer Mays also cautioned the Board to follow the District's procurement process.

Member L. Lemmons motion to approve the Finance Report

VP Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Motion carried without objection

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Superintendent Search Update

VP Peterson-Mayberry presented the Committee's report with a reminder of Thursday, April 18, 2017 meeting to review the two candidates.

Chair motion to approve the Adhoc committee's reports

Treasurer Mays seconded

Motion carried without objection

Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent Alycia Meriweather reported on the District's Academics, Operations, and Talent. There were not student teachers from Oakland University in the district, therefore, a field trip was scheduled for thirty-seven student teachers to spend a day in the District. The trip encouraged the student teachers to come back and apply as teachers in the District.

Superintendent also requested at least one Board member be present at each graduation ceremony.

Member and Curriculum/Academic Chair Hunter-Harvill requested the committee have the opportunity to review the findings of Great City Schools.

End-of-year Count Down

69 days until the end of school for students – June 20, 2017

70 days for last day for staff – June 21, 2017

EAA Transition is July 1, 2017

Treasurer Mays moved to approve the Superintendent's Report

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry supported

Motion carried without objection

Deputy Superintendent of Finance Report

Deputy Superintendent of Finance, Marios Demetriou presented his report on the District's finances. There were concerns raised by VP Peterson-Mayberry and Member L. Lemmons regarding out-of-state field trips particularly if the District is sanctioning field trips for promotional or graduation purposes and the liability to the District. Douglas Gniewek, Executive Director, DPSCD Risk Management assured the Board the District have a travel accident insurance policy that covers all parties on a field trip including teachers and chaperones. He also, stated within the last 12 years there has never been a claim on the policy and that no additional coverage is necessary.

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Treasurer Mays motion to accept the Finance Report
Secretary Stallworth seconded
Motion carried without objection

Action Items:

Oracle Contract

Treasurer Mays motion to approve the one-year contract for Oracle Contact
Member L. Lemmons seconded
Motion carried without objection

Northwest Evaluation Association

Treasurer Mays moved per the Finance Committee's recommendation to approve the one-year contract for Northwest Evaluation Association
Member L. Lemmons seconded
Motion carried without objection

Turning Point Academy

Member L. Lemmons move to move Turning Point Academy to Henry Ford
Member Hunter-Harvill seconded
Motion carried without objection

Closed Session

Chair made a request for closed session Pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) to consider the dismissal of employees who have requested a closed session

Member L. Lemmons moved to go into Closed Session

Treasurer Mays seconded
Motion carried without objection

Roll Call for Closed Session

Deborah Hunter-Harvill	Yes
Georgia Lemmons	Yes
LaMar Lemmons	Yes

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Sonya Mays	Yes
Angelique Peterson-Mayberry	Yes
Misha Stallworth	Yes
Iris Taylor	Yes

Members moved to Closed Session at 7:57 P.M.

Return from Closed Session

Members returned from Closed Session at 8:18 P.M.

Treasurer Mays move to return from Closed Session

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Motion carried without objection

PSAC Employee Recommendations

Treasurer Mays moved to recommend the termination for employee ending in #99

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Motion carried without objection

Treasurer Mays moved to recommend the termination for the employee ending in thirty-three (33).

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Motion carried without objection

Treasurer Mays moved to continue employment for the employee that starts with the number three (3) and ends in the number eight (8).

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Motion carried without objection

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry moved to continue employment for the employee that starts with the number three (3) and ends in the number seven (7).

Member L. Lemmons seconded

Motion carried without objection

Treasurer Mays moved to ratify the Non-Renewal list the Board received in the packet

Vice President Peterson-Mayberry seconded

Motion carried without objection

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Travel and MILAF

Treasurer Mays motion to approve the District joining the Michigan Liquid Asset Funds

Member L. Lemmons seconded

Motion carried without objection

Treasurer Mays motion to approve the three grant funded out of staff travel request and to allow them to proceed to the Financial Review Commission (FRC)

Member L. Lemmons seconded

Motion carried without objection

Treasurer Mays motion to approve all the general fund out-of-state travel that have been brought forth today.

Secretary Stallworth seconded

Motion carried without objection

Public Comments

Several Public Comments were made

Adjournment

Chair requested a motion to adjourn

No objections

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm



Certified:

Karen Morgan, B.S.B.M

Secretary of the Board