



UTOPIAN
ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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April 30, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)
Michael Oby (Board Vice Chair)
Anthony Bryant (Board Treasurer)
Aquannette Salter (Board Secretary)
Artesius Miller (Executive Director)

Meeting Called to Order (6:22 PM)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to accept agenda by Michael Oby. Seconded by Aquannette Salter

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Board Chair

Approval of Minutes

Minutes read by Aquannette Salter from March meeting

Motion by Michael Oby to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Anthony Bryant.

Financial Report

Financial report presented by Anthony Bryant.

Motion to approve the financial report by Michael Oby. Seconded by Aquannette.

Executive Director's Report

Teacher Keys Observations

- 4 walk through observations and 2 formative assessments are required by the state
- The state has provided a waiver to decrease the number of walk through observations and formative assessments.
- The board was charged with filing a motion to accept the waiver to approve the aforementioned TKES requirements

Michael Oby made a motion to accept and approve the waiver. Aquannette Salter seconded

Georgia Milestones

- No irregularities
- Retired Fulton County educator served as the testing coordinator
- 100% student participation
- Results will be given in the Fall



Redistribution of Scholars Academy Assets

- Utopian will store furniture and equipment items
- Between May and June, assets will be picked up

Charter School Program Grant Monitoring Report and Revisit

- Received unannounced visit to state funded schools to review the operations of CSP grant program. It was noted that 5 areas are in need of strengthening and/or clarification. Utopian has been given a 30 day deadline in which to address the 5 areas of concern.

Financial Systems Review Report

- Financial report presented by Anthony Bryant.
- The balance sheet represents the most current information as it relates to the assets.
- Anthony provided a breakdown of the QBE funds and the monies received thus far. It was noted that Utopian will continue to utilize the existing funds from loans until April 30th.
- Anthony provided an overview of the financial agreement with Charter School Asset Management in the amount of 300,000.

Michael Oby made a motion to approve the report. Aquanette seconded.

Anthony Bryant made a motion to move forward with the CAM financial agreement. Seconded by Aquanette Salter

HB 372: The Utopian Academy for the Arts Act

- Mr. Miller provided the board and visitors with the background and basis for the bill. Newspaper communication was provided to further explain the history and importance.

Public Comment

Parents expressed the need to increase the level of support for the school as well as parental involvement and grant opportunities.

Adjournment (7:04pm)

Aquanette motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by Michael Oby.