



UTOPIAN
ACADEMY FOR THE ARTS

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July 28, 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)
Anthony Bryant
Joseph Hudson
Reginald Colbert
Artesius Miller (Executive Director)
Candice Jimerson-Johnson (Principal)
Melissa Davis (Director of Operations)

Meeting Called to Order (6:03 PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by **Board Chair**.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by **Joseph Hudson**

Seconded by **Anthony Bryant**.

Unanimous vote.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes read aloud by Governing Board Chair, Sharon Daniel.

Motion to approve minutes from June 16, 2016 meeting by **Joseph Hudson**

Seconded by **Anthony Bryant**.

Unanimous vote.

Financial Report

Mr. Bryant shared with board that financial report would be tabled until next scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Bryant shared highlights from financial reporting presentation at June, 2016 SCSC meeting.

The August (2016) meeting will have a comprehensive report, including a balance sheet to be shared at that time.

Motion to accept the tabling of the financial report with the assurances that they will be submitted and discussed at next board meeting **Anthony Bryant**

Seconded by **Joseph Hudson**.

Unanimously passed.

ED Report

Report was provided by Director Miller.

Miller indicated that Comprehensive Performance Framework would be discussed at board work session.

Motion by **Joseph Hudson**

Seconded by **Anthony Bryant**

Unanimously approved.



Operational Update

Mrs. Davis (Director of Operations) provided highlights of operational updates with board:

- AT&T infrastructure conversion to be included on state network plan
- Visitor badge access system
- Online payment system
- Asset inventory management system
- Purchase of novels and math textbooks for 8th grade level
- Restructuring of offices
- Staff uniform

Lease Agreement with Clayton County Public Schools

Director Miller provided a physical copy of the lease agreement with the Clayton County Public Schools.

Motion by *Anthony Bryant* to accept lease agreement.

Seconded by *Joseph Hudson*.

Unanimously approved.

Food Service Agreement with Piccadilly

Mrs. Davis (Director of Operations) provided highlights of RFP process and recommendation to accept food service agreement with Piccadilly.

Motion by *Reginald Colbert* to accept food service agreement with Piccadilly

Seconded by *Joseph Hudson*

Unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning Update

Member Joseph Hudson provided updates regarding Utopian's strategic planning progress and a list of organizations and individuals of which potential board members have been solicited.

SEA

Proposal provided by Seamless Education Association to support Utopian in the efforts of a grant opportunity toward developing a college and career academy high school. More discussion will be held at upcoming board meeting.

Announcements

Upcoming board meeting and work session are scheduled to discuss:

- Comprehensive Performance Framework

Public Comment

Questions:

- (Mrs. Pizarro) Parking lot: Will there be someone onsite to redirect traffic for morning arrivals and afternoon dismissals?
- (Mrs. Pizarro) Lease: If we're not using the portion of the front end of the building, why are we still paying same amount of rent?
- (Mrs. Shabazz) Milestones: How much growth have we seen with students, by cohort or tenure at Utopian? Content: If there is not a follow up, then you shouldn't have it.
- (Mrs. Godfrey): Communication: What procedures are enforced to improve communication?
- (Mrs. Poindexter): Acknowledgement: Received a flag from Congressman David Scott's office and a state flag by Representative Valencia Stovall.

Executive Session

There was a motion to enter executive session for personnel.



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Motion by *Reginald Colbert*
Seconded by *Joseph Hudson*

Adjournment (8:28pm)

Reginald Colbert motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by *Joseph Hudson*.