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## **September 18, 2014 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)  
Reginald Colbert  
Terance Madden

### **Meeting Called to Order at (6:22 PM)**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

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

#### **Words of Inspiration by Artesius Miller**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Led by board chair, Sharon Daniel

#### **Executive Session**

Motion made by Michael Oby to move to Executive Session Seconded by Reginald Colbert,  
Motion made by Aquannette Salter to close the executive session. Seconded by Reginald Colbert.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes read by Aquannette Salter

Motion by Reginald Colbert to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Anthony Bryant

#### **Curriculum Report: Presented by Dr. Gonzales and Mr. Birkett**

Dr. Gonzales provided the board with an update regarding benchmark assessments for the students in all content areas. Performance on the assessments did not meet the Utopian expectations as they did not reach the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. Dr. Gonzales assured the board that there is an academic plan in place to address the deficiencies of the students and to provide teachers with more support in the area of differentiated instruction. She further indicated that she would be providing professional development with the teachers on creating formative assessments.

Additional updates: There is a need for science and social studies resources, more parental involvement and parenting sessions.

Mr. Birkett provided the board with an update regarding School Climate and Student suspensions. To date only a few students have been suspended.



Motion by Michael Oby to accept Curriculum Report. Seconded by Aquanette Salter.

**Financial Report**

Anthony Bryant, alongside School CFO Ron Rhodes and ED Artesius Miller presented financial report.

Implementation Grant. An amended implementation grant budget was requested to allow Utopian to make use of funds on allowable expenditures including: but not limited to curriculum supplies to support the arts program, professional development, and implementation of student information system (Infinite Campus). On September 15, 2014 an official approval was made to Utopian.

Motion to accept the financial report by Michael Oby. Seconded by Terance Madden.

**Public Comments**

No board meeting attendees signed up to speak during public comments.

**New Business/Announcements**

- Mr. Miller provided for information only the following:
- Request to SCSC for the waiver of 1% Admin Fee
- Federal Grants Management Training- October 2, 2014
- SCSC Board Governance Training-February 5-6,2015

**Adjournment (8:30pm)**

Sharon Daniel made a motion for the board meeting to be adjourned.  
Seconded by Reginald Colbert.