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July 23, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)
Michael Oby (Board Vice Chair-*via telephone*)
Anthony Bryant (Board Treasurer-*via telephone*)
Aquannette Salter (Board Secretary-*via telephone*)
Reginald Colbert (*via telephone*)
Terance Madden (*via telephone*)
Artesius Miller (*via telephone*)
Mark Alexander (Director of Operations)

Meeting Called to Order (6:40 PM)

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by **Michael Oby**.
Seconded by **Aquannette Salter**.

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by **Board Chair**.

Approval of minutes from July 13, 2015 was motioned by Dr. Salter second by Mr. Oby. Motion approved.

Food service RFP report was presented by Board Chair and Mr. Alexander. SHMG was the selected vendor by the Admin Team.

Motion made by Mr. Oby to approve the recommended vendor to service the school term 2015-2016. Second by Dr. Salter. Motion passed.

Chair Daniel informed the board of the recommended changes to the 2015-2016 Student Handbook and the Staff Handbook by Mr. Miller and Ms. Peterson. Chair Daniel informed the board that they would be sent highlighted changes by email for review. Once the board has reviewed changes, it will then be sent to Legal Counsel for review for recommendations of changes, then changes will be sent back to the Board for final approval.

Chair Daniel and Mr. Alexander gave an update of the CSP Grant. It was stated by Mrs. Daniel since our last meeting July 13, that we have been notified that the amount of \$117,256 was not the remaining balance. The adjustment according to Terence Washington of the SCSC, \$210,399.75 was the amount not spent for the grant as of 7/14/2015. We have until July 31, 2015 to spend the remaining amount.

Mr. Alexander informed Board that \$54,000 was paid July 23 by the DOE for reimbursement of previous purchases. Mr. Bryant stated he would be working with Mr. Alexander and Mr. Miller to identify a clear accounting of the grant procedure as far as timelines of reimbursement.



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Mr. Alexander stated that along with Mr. Miller, he is in the process of identifying items to purchase by the July 31st deadline. Mr. Colbert wanted to insure that all teachers were submitting their request for the grant purchases. Mr. Colbert also recommends we submit a wish list to the local newspaper in support for the school.

Executive Session

Executive session not held, no needed subjects addressed.

Announcements

Mrs. Daniel reminded everyone of open house, August 5-7, 2015 at 6:00pm.

Adjournment (7:35pm)

Reginald Colbert motioned for the board meeting to be adjourned. Seconded by **Dr. Salter**.