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Board Work Session Minutes

Meeting type: In Person

Attendees: Sharon Daniel (Board Chairwoman)
Anthony Bryant
JoAnn McClinton
Angel Massey
Joseph Hudson
Dr. Artesius Miller (Executive Director)
Gavin McGuire
Dr. Aquanette Salter
Melissa Davis (Director of Operations)
Caleb Land (Social Studies Teacher)

Meeting Called to Order (5:44 PM)

Pledge of Allegiance

Led by *Board Chair*.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to amend agenda with the insertion of "Review and Revision of Board Policy Manual" by *JoAnn McClinton*.

Seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

Unanimous vote. 4-0

Motion to accept agenda as presented and amended with the insertion of "Review and Revision of Board Policy Manual" and to add "Real Estate" to the line for executive session by *Anthony Bryant*.

Seconded by *Angel Massey*.

Unanimous vote. 7-0

Items for Discussion

Presentation from Core Teachers

Mr. Caleb Land, a social studies teacher at Utopian Academy for the Arts shared information regarding curriculum highlights and details for the course, as referenced and aligned with social studies content standards. Highlights were also forecasted for next school year with regards to going "paperless" and infusing more technology.

Request for the results of the comprehensive performance framework to be shared with the governance board at the next scheduled board meeting.

FY18 Budget Hearing Review

Budget was shared publicly with opportunity for review and questions from public. In attendance were two staff members and two parents.



Cyclical Board Calendar Review

Identification of established committees. Board members were asked to select to participate on a committee.

Schoolwide Policies-Communication

Dr. Salter asked, "If the current drafted board policy handbook was not followed and provided for legal review by governance board at the start of the school year, can it be used for the purposes as it is written? Per board chair Sharon Daniel, "no".

Board Policy Review and Revision

Question from Dr. Miller. With regards to the development of the board policy manual, "Who developed and wrote the policies?"

Mr. Hudson replied, "Everything you are looking at I wrote single handedly."

Dr. Miller presented section 4.8 from board policy handbook for revision regarding the "Executive Director's transition". Minutes from the September 2016 board work session were read aloud, which were submitted for revisions, however were inaccurately reflected in the updated policies. The exact language stated "upon the Executive Directors resignation". Dr. Miller expressed concern regarding the unchanged related policy. Although they were approved, as reflected in the minutes from the September 2016 board work session, they were not accurately updated in the board policy manual.

Anthony Bryant motioned to request that policy section 4.8 as it relates to the Executive Directors transition, be revised in accordance with the previously approved Board minutes from Sept. 2016, the motion was approved as a recommendation from work session to call for motion for vote during the official board meeting. The motion was seconded by *Dr. Aquanette Salter*.

Unanimous vote. 7-0

Anthony Bryant motioned to request section 4.4-4.8 regarding the Executive Directors transition, be revised and presented at the April Board meeting for approval. The motion was seconded by *JoAnn McClinton*.

Unanimous vote. 7-0

Mr. Hudson motioned to review 1.1-5.5-2 of the Executive parameters chapter in the Board Manual, during the next board work session in April 2017. The motion was seconded by *Anthony Bryant*.

Announcements

Public Comment

No comments from the public.

Executive Session

Motion by *JoAnn McClinton*

Seconded by *Anthony Bryant* to enter executive session to discuss real estate matters.

Anthony Bryant made the motion to approve the Purchase Sale Agreement from ACD.

The motion was seconded by *Dr. Aquanette Salter*.

Unanimous vote.

7-0 vote

Back to regular meeting:



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Motion by *Sharon Daniel* to approve the recommendation from Executive Session to approve the Purchase Sale agreement. *Anthony Bryant* seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote.

7-0 vote

Anthony Bryant motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Seconded by *Angel Massey*.

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