



Mission Statement

The mission of Detroit Community Schools is to awaken our students' highest aspirations and develop the capabilities they need to lead purposeful and productive lives. We believe that all students should be prepared to enter college, pursue a career or engage in other forms of meaningful work in our ever-changing global society. Therefore, we offer a rigorous educational program that integrates academic, artistic, and experiential learning within a supportive community characterized by encouragement, collaboration, and mutual respect.

**Detroit Community Schools
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September Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2012
6:30 p.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER BY THE BOARD PRESIDENT at 6:55 p.m.

Roll Call

LoPatin	present
Lewis	absent
Posey	present
Watts	present
Zettner	present

Others Present: McPhail, C. Lewis, Cunningham, VanderLaan, Spight, Nkenge, Latamore, Hampton, Floyd, Hakim

II. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Moved by Zettner, seconded by LoPatin, to accept the Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors' Agenda for Monday, September 24, 2012.

Discussion: Posey asked that the second Call to Public be added back to the Agenda before Consent Agenda.

**Amendment: Check Registries and P&L should be August 2012 not September 2012. Changes have been made on to September Minutes.

AYES: LoPatin, Posey, Watts, Zettner

NAYES: None

The motion to accept the Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors' Agenda for Monday, September 24, 2012 passed.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by Zettner, seconded by Posey, to approve the

- a) August 2012 P&L
- b) August 2012 Check Registries

Discussion: LoPatin expressed his concern regarding Fund 261 and questioned why it was so high. Lewis stated that Fund 261 includes utilities and repairs. Posey expressed concern regarding Fund 280 and questioned why it's so high. Lewis stated that several new technology purchases have been made that are a one-time purchase and we shouldn't see that large amount any more. Posey asked if Fund 280 would have to be adjusted. Lewis stated that it would have to be adjusted but not at this moment.

AYES: LoPatin, Posey, Watts, Zettner

NAYES: None

The motion to approve the August 2012 P&L and August 2012 Check Registries passed.

IV. DISCUSSION/ ACTION ITEMS

a) Superintendent's Report

McPhail introduced Nkenge (Chief Academic Officer), Latamore, Hakim (Chief Information Officer) who will be assisting with re-vamping the pupil accounting department, and thanked Spight. She also stated that Detroit Community Schools never applied for Medicaid reimbursement and that no one kept logs for Special Education Teachers to figure out what was reimbursable. McPhail added that Detroit Community School is in default on Title 1, SVSU Grant, and the S3 Grant. She expressed that S3 wanted to pull the grant and that she and her team stopped them. She added that there were no resolutions for bullying issues in place and that teachers and staff are looking for direction. McPhail also introduced a new Organizational Chart which lets people know who is in charge of what department and where to go to get an answer. Lastly, regarding academic issues, she stated that Detroit Community Schools are using materials that are no longer used in urban school districts.

b) Chief Academic Officer's Report

Nkenge passed out an exert of a presentation she gave last Thursday at a District Staff Meeting and stated that the full presentation is also available for viewing. She expressed that the school has invested widely and that Math has been 4% & 1% over the last 4 years and closely followed by ELA. She added that resource base is part of the problem, having 50% new staff & 50% veteran staff for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Nkenge stated that she has extensive data on Carnegie from the State of Michigan and no achievement has been gained regarding students. She stated that student enrollment for the High School is 489 and for the Elementary/Middle School is 453, totaling 942 for the District and according to Lewis, the District has budgeted for 1000 students. She added that Count Day is October 3, 2012 and that students K-12 are in Pre-MEAP testing mode

Discussion: LoPatin stated that he can't really absorb everything and in the future would like to have the information in writing prior to the meeting. McPhail stated that going forward, it will happen and that they are putting together a plan for classrooms. Posey asked what the BOD could do to help with MEAP testing. Nkenge stated nothing at this time and added that some of the students are in a pilot program for MEAP testing for social studies. Watts asked Nkenge what her impressions of the school were and asked her to talk about Carnegie. Nkenge stated that she could get data as early as the 1990's, 2002, and 2010 and that after many years and millions of dollars, Carnegie has overwhelmingly been found to be unsuccessful. Watts asked if there was a way to slowly stop using something so unsuccessful and transition into something new and helpful to the students. Nkenge answered yes.

c) Director of Security Report

Flowers stated that the communication between Elementary/Middle and High School is inadequate, adding that there are only four working radios in the High School and the schools can't communicate together. She added that there is no "in case of emergency" plan and that only one security wand is working and there are two on campus. She stated that teachers are leaving windows open in the evening and there are visibility problems with the camera system in both buildings. She added that there is a problem with large rodents in the unfinished side of the High School building, setting off the motion detectors.

Discussion: Watts asked if the school could upgrade and Flowers answered yes! McPhail added that last week a student was being bullied and when checking the cameras, there was so much going on that she couldn't really see what happened. Zettner questioned the parking lot traffic and Flowers stated that parents have to drop students off outside of the gate and that only faculty is allowed in parking lot.

Chief Information Officer Report

Hakim stated that the server was down for 3 weeks and having no access can put the school in deep trouble. He added that in PowerSchool, teachers are not entering

attendance immediately and attendance sheets should be signed at end of week. He stated that information can be scanned and kept for up to 3 years. He expressed that he wanted staff and students to be involved and that he is looking for grants for students activities. McPhail added that Hakim has 17 years experience with DPS and he will access resources. She added that he would really be helpful in Pupil Accounting and that Amen-Ra has been moved back to Pupil Accounting. McPhail added that she is also looking for Board Policies to be posted on the school's website and policies for students that may be contemplating suicide.

d) Closed Session

The Board will be asked to go into Closed Session to discuss the Attorney – Client Privileged Communication.

Moved by Zettner, seconded by Posey, to go into Closed Session to discuss the Attorney - Client Privileged Communication.

The motion to go into Closed Session to discuss the Attorney – Client Privileged Communication passed.

The BOD went into Closed Session at 7:27 p.m.

e) Return to Open Session

Moved by LoPatin, seconded by Zettner, to return to Open Session.

AYES: LoPatin, Posey, Watts, Zettner

NAYES: None

The motion to return to Open Session passed.

The BOD returned to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

f) Resolution Authorizing Employment

The Board will be asked to approve the Resolution Authorizing Employment. Document submitted under enclosures.

Moved by LoPatin, seconded by Posey, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Employment.

AYES: LoPatin, Posey, Watts, Zettner

NAYES: None

The motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing Employment passed.

g) Final Balancing Change Order Release

The Board will be asked to approve the Final Balancing Change Order Release. Contract submitted under enclosures.

Moved by LoPatin, seconded by Posey, to approve the Final Balancing Change Order.

AYES: LoPatin, Posey, Watts, Zettner

NAYES: None

The motion to approve the Final Balancing Change Order Release passed.

V. ENCLOSURES

- September 2012 P&L
- September 2012 Check Registries
- 2012-2013 Organizational Chart
- Authorization of Employment Resolution

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The BOD agrees to acknowledge Mr. Moran for serving on the BOD for 10 years and wants to invite him for a presentation ceremony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 2012, in the Chemistry Lab located at DCHS beginning at 6:30 p.m.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

“This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Detroit Community Schools District in public for the purpose of conducting the School District’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. We now invite members of the public to address the Board and share any thoughts or concerns.

Comments should only be addressed to the person chairing this meeting, and per Board policy should be no longer than three minutes.”

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Zettner, seconded by Posey, to adjourn the September 24, 2012, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting.

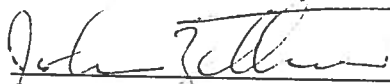
AYES: LoPatin, Posey, Watts, Zettner

NAYES: None

The motion to adjourn the September 24, 2012 Regular Board of Directors' Meeting passed.

The Regular Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the minutes of the September 24, 2012, Regular Board of Directors Meeting.



Secretary, Board of Directors

12-17-2012
Date: