



#### 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  
12675 Burt Rd.  
Detroit, MI 48223  
Regular Board of Directors' Meeting  
Wednesday, April 24, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**

#### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Board of Detroit Community Schools was called to order at 6:35pm by President Norman LoPatin.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: President LoPatin and Members Brown and Tobier

Absent: Member Mayes

#### SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Member Brown moved and Member Tobier seconded the nomination of President LoPatin for a three year term commencing July, 2013. Member Tobier administered oath to President LoPatin.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA

Agenda amended to add Acceptance of President LoPatin for another term. Approval of AHERA Designated Person Resolution moved to Action Items.

Member Brown moved and Member Tobier seconded the acceptance of the amended agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

## CALL TO THE PUBLIC – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Patricia Peoples, Detroit Community Schools' Human Resource Director, asked Board for permission to introduce students. Permission was granted and the students presented the Board with t-shirts and trophy commemorating the outstanding 2012-2013 Boys Basketball Team Season.

### ACTION ITEM(S)

#### a) Approval of AHERA Designated Person Resolution

Member Brown made motion seconded by Member Tobier to carry our AHERA by September 2013 by designee of Detroit Community Schools' Superintendent. Motion carried unanimously.

#### b) Financial Report

Walter Esaw has been Business Manager since March 27, 2013 and is not confident with figures, though much progress made in creating financial statement. Four grants required Final Expenditure Reports (FER) which were over due, but have been submitted. More than \$368, 000 has been drawn down that was previously lost or taken for failure to submit reports. Compliance reached and approval sent by Michigan Department of Education (MDE). Esaw assured the Board that the report would be ready by the May 23, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Board. Esaw projects:

- Fiscal year will end with fund balance
- Short-term Borrowing and Bond payments will not impacted
- Summer School expenses will be covered
- There will be no deficit

President LoPatin met with Ms. McPhail and Mr. Esaw and was satisfied with the progress of the Business Office. He recognizes that Detroit Community Schools may not meet the \$700,000 fund balance covenant, but that will not be a problem. LoPatin understood why full financial report was presented based on progress, but was satisfied with assurances made by W. Esaw.

#### c) Community Outreach Report

Bart Eddy presented information regarding summer employment of Detroit Community Schools students and students who are resident of Brightmoor through several programs. Eddy assured the Board that at least 44 Detroit Community Schools students will obtain summer employment through the program and estimates that as many as 65 Detroit Community Schools students will be considered.

Detroit Community Schools' Bike Program received 21 industrial tricycles from Ford Motor Company's Cleveland Plant. Tricycles will be refurbished by students and used in community.

President LoPatin requested dollar amount attached to summer employment of students. He names of students to be recorded for reference and verification. LoPatin stressed that Mr. Eddy must work with Superintendent McPhail and MDE to create programs with Common Core Standards enabling students to receive one elective credit. Additionally, Detroit Community Schools will participate in the Fischer Grant Credit Earning pilot program.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

President LoPatin admonished that Superintendent's Report be sent to Board Members no later than the Thursday before the regular meeting of the Board. President LoPatin suggested that Code of Conduct should be Board Approved Item and asked that this item be placed on the May agenda for approval. Superintendent McPhail indicated that the Code is not being changed: These are procedures implementing the Code.

Slides were shown to show progress towards addressing Member Mayes' request for a plan to address issues, resolutions and assessment tools.

90% projected graduation rate with efforts made by Executive Staff Mentorship Program.

Superintendent McPhail reported that she is working with the Detroit Regional Chamber has offered to facilitate a full 2-year scholarship for any Detroit Community Schools graduate.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Only two members present from Reschedule March Board Meeting. Approval of Meeting Minutes tabled to May Board Meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President LoPatin requested Scantron Results and gains be presented at May Board Meeting.

Member Brown requested indexed binder to maintain documents and that documents be presented to Board with holes punched.

President LoPatin requested that approval of April 1 and April 24 Board Meeting Minutes be added to Consent Agenda for May Board Meeting.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2013, in the Chemistry Lab located at DCHS beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### **CALL TO THE PUBLIC – ANY CONCERNS**

Saginaw Valley State University to provide Board Training at the May Board of Directors Meeting. Training is estimated to take 30 minutes and will be added to agenda.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Brown moved and Member Tobier seconded motion to adjourn meeting at 7:43pm. Motion carried unanimously.