



#### 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  
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Thursday, June 27, 2013 - 6:30 p.m.**

#### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Detroit Community Schools was called to order at 6:42pm by President Norman LoPatin.

#### ROLL CALL

Present: President LoPatin, Members Brown, Mayes, Robinson, and Tobier  
Absent: -

#### ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

President LoPatin made recommendations to amend the agenda. Member Brown made motion seconded by Member Robinson to accept the Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Agenda, June 27, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda to approve the May 23, 2013 Meeting Minutes made by Member Brown, seconded by Member Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

## DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Resolution to accept Final 2012-2013 Amended Budget made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Robinson.

Aye: Brown, Robinson, LoPatin

Absent at time of Vote: Tobier and Mayes

Nay: -

Motion to Approve Clark Hill as Local Note Counsel made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Mayes.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution to Approve Proposed 2013-2014 Budget made by Member Tobier and seconded by Member Tobier.

Discussion: Board Members would like their budget of \$50,000 to include:

- \$6,000 for 3 - \$2,000 Student Scholarships; criteria to be set with Superintendent's recommendations.
- \$6,000 for Student Incentives
- \$3,000 for Clark Hill fee as Note Counsel; Alan Szuma verifying that fee covers all activity for State Aid Note through closing.
- \$5,000 for Training
- \$29,500 for Miscellaneous Expenses
- \$500 for Board Member Travel Per Diem

Aye: Brown, Robinson, LoPatin, Tobier, and Mayes

Nay: -

Resolution carried.

Motion to Authorize the Borrowing of \$600,000 Pursuant to State of Michigan State Aid Note Program and Board President LoPatin to Execute the Loan Documents made by Member Mayes and seconded by Member Robinson.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion Authorizing Renewal of Agreement with MM1, Inc. for 2013-2014, subject to the Superintendent and MMI, Inc. finalizing contract language, submitted to SVSU for compliance by June 30, 2013 made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution Appointing Dr. Richard Robinson Chief Administrative Officer delegating all authority to Superintendent made by Member Tobier and seconded by Member Brown.

Discussion: William Coleman explained that Chief Administrative Officer is required by SVSU. There is a provision in Detroit Community Schools' contract with SVSU, not State of Michigan that Chief Administrative Officer cannot be an employee. Mr. Coleman added that the duties and responsibilities of Chief Administrative Officer can be delegated to the Superintendent.

Aye: Brown, Robinson, LoPatin, Tobier, and Mayes

Nay: -

Resolution carried.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

Bart Eddy presented updates for student and community projects. Summer Employment began June 25, 2013 with 45 Detroit Community Schools students employed. Brightmoor Wood Workers has two components; Community Service and Sales. Brightmoor Woodworkers has been contacted for their first large sale; 20 signs. Ford Motor Fund will donate \$25,000 and UAW-Ford will donate \$10,000 for Entrepreneurial Programs. Martin Mulloy, Vice President, Labor Affairs, Ford Motor Company, invited Kyle Baker; Detroit Community Schools graduate, to participate in the Ford Explorers Program that allows youth to explore careers in the automotive industry.

Mr. Eddy and Mr. Coleman met with Henry Ford Community College to look into dual enrollment opportunity for

students for Career Tech.

Pastor Larry Simmons, Detroit Community Schools Charter Member, is working with volunteers and Detroit Community Schools students to clean lots and board up abandoned houses from Fenkell to Plymouth.

Mr. Eddy asked for guidance in securing funds for demolition efforts. Member Mayes offered that Motor City Blight Busters provides professional assistance. Member Mayes, Superintendent McPhail, and Mr. Eddy to meet, discuss, and follow-up.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent's Report received by Board Members.

Superintendent McPhail offered participation in WRESA (2 days, 10am – 4pm) and Glasser Training (Choice Theory – 8/23 & 8/26, 9am – 4pm) to Board Members. Superintendent McPhail stated that staff will participate in classroom training. Capturing Kids Hearts, to create a community where love and acceptance is the model. Superintendent will provide details and reference material to Board Members. Member Mayes to provide location suggestions to Superintendent.

Member Robinson asked about Diversity Training. Superintendent McPhail stated that three companies have been contacted, but that there is a plan to include Diversity Training in the Professional Development process. Member Robinson suggested that University of Michigan Ann Arbor offers competitively priced training for school districts.

Detroit Community Schools staff will read *You can Heal Your Life* (Louise Hay) about self-discovery and acceptance. Hay's book in combination with Glasser's Choice Theory will create a new environment.

## NEW BUSINESS

Member Mayes notice a gap between male and female achievement at graduation. Though is he stretched personally and professionally and cannot take on much more, he wants to help. Member Mayes asked if there is a Dad's Club. Superintendent McPhail informed Member Mayes that there is a parent group. Superintendent McPhail also stated that all 9<sup>th</sup> grade males will be assigned a male staff mentor. Member Mayes proposed, as a Board Member, to offer time on a quarterly basis to assist with Fatherhood Initiative. Member Mayes will offer one weekend quarterly and will bring all of his resources to insure fruitful and productive experience. Superintendent McPhail to set-up program.

President LoPatin accepted an employment opportunity in Indiana and resigns from Detroit Community Schools Board of Directors effective the end of the Regular June Board Meeting. President LoPatin stated that he kept his word to ensure stability of the Board and a 1-year renewal with Saginaw Valley State University.

Member Robinson offered a Thank You on behalf of the Board of Directors to outgoing President, Norman LoPatin for his outstanding commitment and work over seven years at Detroit Community Schools. Member Brown recommended plaque for President LoPatin. Member Mayes suggested Brightmoor Woodworkers make the plaque.

### I. NOMINATION & APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

- President – Motion to nominate Dr. Richard Robinson as President of Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors made by Member Brown, seconded by Member Tobier, and unanimously carried.
- Vice President - Motion to nominate Kirk Mayes as Vice President of Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors made by Member Brown, seconded by Member Robinson, and unanimously carried.
- Treasurer - Motion to nominate Nicholas Tobier as Treasurer of Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors made by Member Mayes, seconded by Member Robinson, and unanimously carried.
- Secretary - Motion to nominate Nancy Brown as Secretary of Detroit Community Schools' Board of

- Directors made by Member Tobier, seconded by Member Robinson, and unanimously carried.
- Recording Secretary - Motion to nominate Cori Howell as Recording Secretary of Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors made by Member Brown, seconded by Member Tobier, and unanimously carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board Meeting (Annual Organizational Meeting) will be held on Monday, July 22, 2013, in the Chemistry Lab located at Detroit Community Schools High School beginning at 6:30p.m

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Saginaw Valley State University Contract (1-year renewal) received and document given to Superintendent McPhail by President LoPatin.

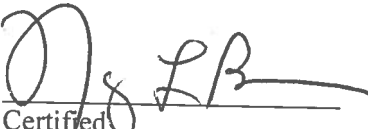
Oath of Office received by President LoPatin and given to Cori Howell to retain in Board File.

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

Wajih Hakim, Chief Information Officer, asked who would chair the meeting in the absence of the President. Several members of the Board responded that the Vice President would chair the meeting in the absence of the President.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Member Brown seconded by Member Mayes to adjourn the June 27, 2013, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting at 8:25pm. Motion Carried.

  
Certified  
Nancy Brown  
Board Secretary