

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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October 24, 2013 – 6:00pm**

MINUTES

STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Carole Watson presented students who offered poetic and vocal performances. Jalen Taylor recited *Invictus* by William Ernest Henley. Accompanied by Mr. Anthony White, Ray Allen and Chantanae Hamilton sang Whitney Houston's *The Greatest Love of All*. Nicholas Powell introduced himself to the Board. Nicholas is the current Senior Class President and Student Council President.

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Detroit Community Schools was called to order at 6:15pm by President Richard Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Robinson, Member Brown, and Member Tobier
Absent: - Member Mayes

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBERS AND OATHS OF OFFICE

Motion to appoint Pat Devlin and Toney Stewart and acknowledgement that the Oath of Office will be taken by Mr. Devlin and Mr. Stewart at the November 21, 2013 meeting made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion passed unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion to accept revised agenda made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to accept all items on the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of July 22, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of September 26, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- c. Amend Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) Resolution to delete Sharon McPhail as AHERA contact Designated Person and substitute William Coleman. (William Coleman has received the "Designated Person" training.)
- d. Approval of contract renewal with Diamond Hospitality LLC (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) to provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks under the vended meals provision of the National School Lunch Program.

made by Member Tobier and seconded by Member Brown. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Motion to establish Wellness Committee with William Coleman as President Robinson's designee made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Up to date Cash Flow Statement presented by Walter Esaw, CFO.

Mr. Esaw highlighted 3 items for the Board.

1. The monthly \$13,000 De Lage Landen debit payment for the portables has been satisfied.
2. Monthly expenses reduced by \$30,000 per month compared to last year. State Aid Note of \$600,000 for 2013 - 2014 versus \$900,000 for 2012 - 2014.
3. Cash balance in excess of \$300,000 at the end of October.

President Robinson accepted Financial Report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

New K-5 Principal, Wendy Senkbeil introduced by Ms. McPhail. Ms. McPhail stated that Ms. Senkbeil hit the ground running and introduced the new High School Dean of Students, Sylvia James.

Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will monitor Detroit Community High School based on the 98%

graduation rate. Ms. McPhail has instituted a longer school day for 9th grade students and project-based learning. Both additions are going well.

MEAP testing is complete after a great deal of preparation. A score comparison of Scantron results will be presented at the next Board Meeting. Wendy Williams-Thornton, Test Coordinator, developed Individual Student Learning Plans for each student based on GLCE so instruction can be differentiated to the plan. Students are not moving from to the next grade without mastering that grade level. MEAP results are not available until March 2014.

Twenty students and one staff member were obtained from the closing Detroit Public School Charter School, Aisha Shule.

Extended Day started October 21, 2013. Accommodations will be made to transport students. 2013 – 2014 is the first year providing transportation for students. McPhail added a clause in the busing contract that the use of a list is required to ensure all students are off of the bus.

After school latchkey is available until 5:30pm for k-8 students. Snacks, games, and tutoring are offered during latchkey.

The Security Program is successful.

AMT – Behavior modification program is in place.

Tracking devices have been installed on all District vehicles to track the location.

The Athletic Director, Henry Washington, does a great job. Detroit Community Schools is investigating a tennis program and a golf program. Many more students are involved in athletic program than in previous years.

High School clubs have started and all have met. The first lesson was “Table Manners” and the students were enthralled in the lesson.

Homecoming was held at Crowne Plaza in downtown Detroit. Ms. McPhail gave Homecoming rules and called parents. There were no incidents at Homecoming.

Student Council has a representative of teach grade. Student Court was developed with elected officers. Students go before Student Court for issues to be resolved.

Debate Team has a new Coach, Spencer Smith. Smith is doing a great job! Many more students want to join the debate team, now.

President Robinson received report.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve MSHAA membership for 2013-2014 made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Elementary/Middle and High School’s School Improvement Plans (SIP). Motion passed unanimously.

S. Bart Eddy stated that 150 additional industrial tricycles have been donated and will be delivered by Ford. Mr. Eddy presented reconditioned tricycle to the Board. Mr. Coleman will request bids for the space designated for the Entrepreneurial Incubator. \$52,000 has been raised to date for renovation for space and another \$15,000 committed from Ford Motor Company. UAW/Ford, working for Ford Motor Land Company, will be pro bono construction manager of the renovation and are slated to contribute another \$60,000 towards completion. The estimated cost to

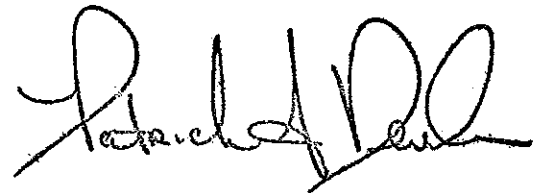
complete the renovation is \$135,000. President Robinson ensured that the space would be flexible and available for other student use. Mr. Eddy will begin a Kickstarter campaign to raise \$50,000. Mr. Eddy met with City Connect. They are interested in year-round student employment. An article regarding Detroit Community Schools' entrepreneurial program present to Board. Mr. Eddy is researching possibilities with Ford Next Generation Learning. Ms. McPhail stated that she would review all grant documents and assist Mr. Eddy in managing funds. President Robinson reminded Mr. Eddy that the space is flexible and open to be used long-term. Mr. Eddy stated that 7th hour classes prevents space in the school to be used by Brightmoor Woodworkers and the work on the tricycles. Ford is looking to donate mills and lathes and the possibility of a Fab Lab is being explored.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Ms. McPhail introduced Ralph Cunningham from MMI, Inc. and stated that they had a pleasant and productive meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm.



Certified
Pat Devlin
Board Secretary