



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.

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Annual Organizational Meeting, July 22, 2013 – 6:30pm

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Detroit Community Schools was called to order at 7:00pm by President Richard Robinson.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Robinson, Members Brown and Tobier

Absent: - Member Mayes

APPROVAL NEW BOARD MEMBER(S) POSITIONS & OATHS OF OFFICE

Motion to carry over and approve the Board positions appointed at the June Meeting of the Board of Directors (below) for the 2013 – 2014 School Year made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion carried unanimously.

- President –Dr. Richard Robinson
- Vice President - Kirk Mayes
- Treasurer - Nicholas Tobier
- Secretary - Nancy Brown
- Recording Secretary - Cori Howell

Superintendent McPhail administered Oath of Office to all Board Members.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

President Robinson made recommendations to amend the agenda. Member Tobier made motion seconded by Member Brown to accept the amended Detroit Community Schools' Board of Directors' Regular Meeting Agenda, July 22, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to approved Consent Agenda (below) made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion carried unanimously.

- a. Approval of Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of June 27, 2013 Meeting Minutes
- c. Authorization of Superintendent McPhail to respond to Office of Civil Rights Title VI, Title IX and Freedom of Information Act requests.
- d. Appointment/designation of Superintendent McPhail as the DCS Sexual Harassment Officer.
- e. Appointment/designation of the Superintendent McPhail as the Section 504 Officer.
- f. Appointment/designation of the Superintendent McPhail or designee as the AHERA contact.
- g. Appointment/designation of the Superintendent McPhail as the local liaison for Homeless Children & Youth as authorized under Title VII-B.
- h. Appointment/designation of William Coleman as SVSU Compliance Officer.
- i. Designation of Comerica Bank as the depository of school funds.
- j. Approval to bond the Board Treasurer.

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Up to date Cash Flow Statement presented by Walter Esaw.

Michigan Merit Exam (MME) results presented by Principal Jordan. Principal Jordan stated that all Detroit Community Schools' scores, with the exception of writing scores, are higher than other schools in the area. In math, Detroit Community Schools is only 2% lower than Cass Technical High School. Social Studies scores increased from 1% to 5% in one school year. The Goal is 100%. School Improvement Plan (SIP) lists a goal of 10% and State average is 56%. Science score was unchanged at 1%. Goal is to increase science scores. All students will take English Composition Course in addition to 9th grade ELA course. Project-based learning will be implemented in Science for all students. All courses are funded in current budget, as staff will be shifted appropriately. A Science Specialist will be hired and position is funded in budget adopted by Board. The Writing scores dropped from 13% to 10%. During the 2012-2013 school year our 11th graders had a new ELA teacher. In previous years, DCS "looped the teachers – this means that students had the same teachers 9th, 10th, and 11th grades. Looping contributed to high scores in 2011-2012. Teacher turnover prevented us from looping in 2012 - 2013 Member Tobier offered that Officer Peter Banks is an excellent writer and published author. Member Tobier suggested using Officer Banks as a mentor and example to the students and as a resource for the staff and students.

Motion to appoint Special Education Director as Chair of the Sex Ed Advisory Board made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Tobier. Motion carried unanimously.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – Exhibits

Detroit Community Schools has no tolerance for abusive behavior and fighting during Summer School. Students have been removed from Summer School for abusive and violent behavior.

Ms. McPhail introduced the new Middle School Principal, Terrell England. Mr. England is qualified, is a long-time Detroit Community Schools employee, we believe he will help “stop the bleeding”, and get the Middle School together.

A transition team has been put in place to get the 8th grade students prepared for high school.

Mural will be painted in the front of the building. Mural will contribute to the change in atmosphere and behavior at Detroit Community Schools.

Human Resources is currently staffing all vacant positions.

President Robinson asked if the Diversity and Inclusion training provided by University of Michigan has been researched. He advised that it is less expensive than other programs and has expanded beyond the University because of demand. President Robinson stated that some bullying is related to gender expression as opposed to sexuality and that Diversity and Inclusion training will address it.

Superintendent McPhail said she is considering hiring a facility manager versus the current company for building maintenance.

Superintendent McPhail stated that global positioning systems (GPS) will be installed in all Detroit Community Schools vehicles for risk management.

President Robinson asked about the graffiti being removed. William Coleman stated that the new Facility Manager has ideas about removing the graffiti. President Robinson urged swift resolution.

Superintendent McPhail will review Saginaw Valley State University contract regarding the requirement to hold monthly Board of Directors' meetings and advise Board.

Board retreat scheduled August 24, 2013 will be rescheduled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the amended 2013-2014 meeting schedule was made by Member Tobier and seconded by Member Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Tobier made a motion to approve the Hungerford & Co. Contract for auditing services. The motion was seconded by Member Brown and carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of Detroit Community Schools will be determined and posted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Member Tobier seconded by Member Brown to adjourn the July 22, 2013, Regular Board of Directors' Meeting at 7:57pm. Motion Carried.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Brown', written over a horizontal line.

Certified
Nancy Brown
Board Secretary