



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 Board of Directors' Meeting March 27, 2014

MINUTES

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

Eboni Turner sung "Take Me to the King" by Tamela Mann and was accompanied by pianist Donnell Mosley .

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Richard Robinson called the meeting to order at 6:32PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Robinson
Secretary Devlin
Member Stewart

Absent: Vice President Mayes
Treasurer Tobier
Member Goss-Foster

QUORUM

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion: To accept the Agenda

Vote: Moved by Devlin , Seconded by Stewart, Motion carried

Resolve: Agenda accepted and passed with no modifications.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion: To recess to closed session

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Stewart, Motion carried

Resolve: Board recesses to a closed session.

RECONVENE REGULAR MEETING

Board President Robinson reconvened meeting at 7:08P.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: To approve Consent Agenda items A – D

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Stewart, Motion carried

Resolve: Consent items A – D approved

DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

Motion: To approve February 27 meeting minutes

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Stewart, Motion passed

Resolve: February 27 meeting minutes approved without modification.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion: To receive Financial Reports

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Stewart, Motion passed

Resolve: Financial Report was received.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Supt. McPhail discussed significant improvements of ACT testing scores. Detroit Community School students have achieved scores as high as 27 and 29.

Supt. McPhail recognized student Nicholas Powell for being a Gates Millennium Scholarship Finalist.

Supt. McPhail is using MEAP, Scantron and other testing scores during Teacher Evaluations. In the past 12 months, DCS students have shown strong growth with test scores showing students have moved from “Not Proficient” to “Partially Proficient” or “Proficient”. Elementary school students are now at a mastery level and most of our senior class will be graduating this year. Board President Robinson suggested a document that shows positive growth in our ACT, MEAP and other testing used. Board President Robinson also inquired about working with students throughout the summer who will not be graduating on time. Supt. McPhail explained that every student at risk of not graduating on time has been given a mentor. Students who need to make up 1-2 classes are given the opportunity to walk across the stage, however a diploma will not be issued until they make up the required classes during the summer.

Supt. McPhail announced that prom dresses and tuxedos will arrive this upcoming week for students. Prom will be held in the Riverside Ballroom at General Motors.

Supt. McPhail announced seniors have been awarded with over \$500,000 in scholarships! Recipients are posted in the hallway by the Counseling Center.

Supt. McPhail discussed the school's evaluations Excellent Schools. The first visitors did not assess the school fairly. Excellent Schools then sent out a more qualified and seasoned group. Detroit Community Schools' evaluation was fair and very positive.

Supt. McPhail briefly discussed sports scholarships. Board President Robinson suggested that since our students are achieving academically and athletically, making contact with colleges to submit information on the student is essential.

Superintendent McPhail also briefly discussed the following initiatives:

- K-8 moved from 60 day testing to 30 day testing to ensure that kids will reach mastery by the end of the year.
- School is hosting a 8th grade dinner to encourage fall enrollment into our high school.
- Student field trips
- Talent Show at The Music Hall
- Building relationships with the Brightmoor Community Center

Board President Robinson suggested trips to the Hilberry Theatre and Comerica Park.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was presented to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be Thursday, April 24, 2014 in the Chemistry Lab at 6:00PM.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

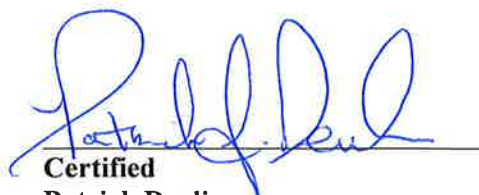
Board President Robinson opened the floor to the public asking all speakers to limit remarks to 3 minutes or less. No one presented anything before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Vote: Moved by Devlin, Seconded by Steward, Motion carried

Resolve: Meeting adjourned at 7:48PM.



Certified
Patrick Devlin
Board Secretary