



BOARD MEETING
401 Penn Street
Reading, PA 19601
MINUTES
Monday, March 25, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Board members present: Anthony Montemurro; Robert Natalini; Robert Jefferson; Joseph Amprey (via telephone)

Officers present: Angel Figueroa (CEO/COO); Angelo Romaniello (Chief Academic Officer/Principal)

Other staff present: Aurora Miller; Lizette Flowers

Also present: Barbara Wilkinson-Sykes (via telephone); Terri Schneider (via telephone)

David Kostival, Reading Eagle

Meeting was convened at 4:05 p.m.

1. Opening Items

Mr. Montemurro noted that a quorum was present.

Mr. Montemurro noted that public notices were posted as required; Board is in compliance with the Sunshine Law.

2. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

3. Approval of Minutes

3.01 Action to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2019, open meeting -- MOTION by Dr. Natalini to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

4. Financial

Ms. Wilkinson-Sykes presented the financial report. The following documents were reviewed and discussed.

Unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of February 28, 2019 with Comparison to January 31, 2019.

Unaudited Statement of Activities, February 2019 with Comparison to January 2019.

Unaudited Statement of Activities, YTD February 2019 Compared to YTD February 2018 and Budget.

Check and Debit Registers for the period ending February 28, 2019.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Natalini to adopt resolutions 4.01.01 through 4.01.05 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

4.01.01 To accept the Financial Report.

4.01.02 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Financial Position as of February 28, 2019, with Comparison to January 31, 2019.

4.01.03 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Activities, February 2019 with Comparison to January 2019.

4.01.04 To approve the attached unaudited Statement of Activities, YTD February 2019 Compared to YTD February 2018 and Budget.

4.01.05 To approve the payments set forth in the attached Check and Debit Registers for the period ending February 28, 2019.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

5. Report of the Chief Executive and Academic Officers

Mr. Figueroa and Dr. Romaniello then reported to the Board. Mr. Figueroa reviewed with the Board the recent Commonwealth Court decision in the charter revocation matter and the ongoing charter renewal process, including informing the Board about the following day's visit by personnel from Reading School District and the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit to review the school's personnel files.

Dr. Romaniello then reviewed and the Board discussed the academic calendar as affected by weather related school closings during the winter. He informed the Board that the school remains on track to exceed the state's requirements for instructional days and hours. He then reminded the Board that MAP testing started earlier in the day

and explained the administration's motivational plan for attaining learner growth in math, language arts, and science. He then discussed with the Board the upcoming school-wide college and career readiness fair and the high staff interest in continuing the successful cultural diversity training that began in March. He then informed the Board about pending changes to Berks County Intermediate Unit's student information system and the effects the changes might have for the school. He then discussed the administration's re-enrollment goals for the 2019-2020 school year. Finally, he informed the Board that the school's academic calendar for the coming year is in progress and that its finalization awaits Reading School District's completion of its calendar, which he anticipated would be done by the Board's April meeting.

At 4:47 p.m. the Board went into Executive Session.

The Executive Session ended at 4:48 p.m., whereupon the open meeting resumed.

6. Administrative/Operations/Legal

The Board then discussed a Disclosure Statement Application for persons wishing to volunteer at the school.

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Natalini to adopt Resolution 6.01.01 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson:

6.01.01 To approve the attached Disclosure Statement Application for Volunteers.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

7. Personnel

The Board then took the following action.

MOTION by Dr. Natalini to adopt Resolutions 7.01.01 and 7.01.02 as follows; seconded by Mr. Jefferson :

7.01.01 To approve the change in employment status of Celeste Fe A Colon from Empowerment Coach to Student Services Coordinator with no change in salary or benefits.

7.01.02 To approve the change in employment status of Iva Moyer from Learning Facilitator to Special Education Teacher Consultant with no change in salary or benefits.

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote of all members present.

8. New Business

Mr. Jefferson then reviewed events at the school relating to black history month. He spoke about and the Board discussed the efforts of a learner forum comprising a mixed aged group regarding attracting African American learners to school in general and to I-LEAD Charter school specifically. He reviewed questions and recommendations from the learners about various activities and initiatives, and Dr. Romaniello helped the Board understand what is in place and various additional possibilities and obstacles. Mr. Jefferson concluded by sharing with the Board the learners' thoughts about positive aspects of the school in this regard, and Dr. Romaniello informed the Board that he would let the participants in the learner forum know that their voices were heard.

Mr. Figueroa then informed the Board that Ms. Miller, Executive Administrative Assistant, would be leaving to accept a position at Haverford College. The Board members commended Ms. Miller for her excellent work over the years and expressed their gratitude for all her efforts, particularly in assisting the Board, and their best wishes for the future.

9. Adjournment

MOTION by Dr. Natalini to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Jefferson; motion passed unanimously by voice vote of all members present.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Robert S. Natalini, Secretary