SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Board Meeting Minutes **(APPROVED)**

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Melissa Weisberger, **LSSU Supervising Field Officer**

I. Call to Order: President Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at **5:02 p.m. at DSLA.** A zoom connection was provided.

II. Roll Call

Present: Orlando Woods, Jeanette Owens, Allen Richardson, James Dozier, Idowu Jegede

Absent: Douglass Bartell, Airlene Gross
Full Quorum

III. Approval of October 24, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda.

James Dozier motioned to accept the Regular Board Meeting Agenda as written. Allen Richard seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of September 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Jeanette Owens motioned to accept the Regular Board Meeting Minutes as written. Idowu Jegede seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

V. LSSU Academic Report

Julie Buchholtz outlined the educational goals set forth by authorizer for the 2023-2024 school year. Gives results of uptrend in reading and math NWEA testing scores at all 3 schools in the district. Review of proficiency in M-Step test scores for each school was reported for math, reading, science and social studies. Mean scores from PSAT & SAT was reported for our students compared to statewide scoring.

VI. Financial Report

--Larry Wilkerson gives kudos to Janita for preparing 95% of the financial report. Reports comparisons of other school budgets vs. ours. Financial audit was passed; no fraud found. Finances are in very good shape.
--Janita Williams held a finance meeting with board fiancé members prior to this meeting. All reports are presented to all board members in board packet.

Idowu Jegede motioned to accept the *Fiscal Finance Report for 2023/2024*. Allen Richardson seconded. The motion was carried unanimously. Idowu Jegede motioned to adopt the *Financial Resolution*. Jeanette Owens seconded. Motional carried unanimously. Idowu Jegede motioned to accept the *Quarterly Financial Report for July-September 2023*. Allen Richardson seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Idowu Jegede motioned to accept the *Set-Aside Finance Report*. Jeanette Owens seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Management Report

--Trienere Powell reports that the Achievers Academy currently contains 103 IEPs and 5-504s. Students involved in this past summer's programs will be tracked to review test scores to see the impact of summer program success. Medicaid partnership program is in development and will bring a form of income to the district. Introduced James Thomas as the new IT tech, assisting with the Achievers Academy.

--Monica Morgan of *Picture Me Academy* made a presentation on her photography program.

--DeAngelo Alexander reports the RSLA has new flooring and remodeled bathrooms. OSLA has new carpeting, new flooring in foyer, and a new parking lot for staff. October is a busy month for the district: Breast Cancer Awareness programs, balloon releases, trunk or treat events. Ww are accepting board members who would like to volunteer at these events. We are holding CPR training for all staff to be trained. Our first count day (October 4, 2023) shows us with a student population of 1480 students.

--Kim Knight reports that HR has passed its 2nd audit following our largest onboarding of new employees. William Thiede has been hired as the new school recruiter in HR.

--Ebony Walker gives kudos to HR department causing school leaders to be able to focus on improving academic achievement, gaining resources, and funding.

--Maurice Evans introduced Ken Mathies has been hired into the IT department and will assist with the set up of the 2:1 technology for students.

VIII. No Comments by Authorizer

IX. No Board Matters

X. No Public Comments

XI. Adjournment

Idowu Jegede motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:23pm. Jeanette Owens seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned

Jeanette Owens
Board Secretary

11.21.23
Date