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SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

I. Call to Order: President Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at **5:02p.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.**

II. Roll Call

Present: Orlando Woods, Airlene Gross, James Dozier, Jeanette Owens, Douglas Bartell, Allen Richardson

Absent: Idown Jegede

III. Approval of January 21, 2025 Board Meeting Agenda.
Airlene Gross motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Douglas Bartell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

IV. Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, December 17, 2024
Airlene Gross motioned to approve the board meeting minutes from December 17th, as written. Jeanette Owens seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

V. Financials update – Janita Williams
Janita Williams reported the second-quarter financial report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. The year-to-data activities and variance were reviewed with the finance committee and is now seeking approval. Airlene Gross motioned to receive the financial report. Allen Richardson second the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

VI. Management Report
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Mr. Evans reported to the board regarding the possibility of acquiring an additional school site. He shared that a school has approached us with available space for consideration. If approved, the new site would be located at Christian Tabernacle Church and would accommodate Pre-K through 8th grade, with a capacity to house approximately 700 additional students. Airlene Gross make a motion that the board approve the site resolution. The motion was carried unanimously.

Superintendents Update – De'Angelo Alexander
Mr. Alexander reported we had a successful holiday season, highlighted by a strong partnership with the Lomas Brown Jr. Foundation and the Lions, who engaged with students through activities like shopping trips and a football clinic at Ford Field. Over 125 students and staff were treated to an early screening of the *Sonic the Hedgehog* movie, thanks to Jameer Gibbs ("Sonic") and David Montgomery ("Knuckles"). Our team, led by Vernon Felder, also supported many needy families during the holidays. Testing began on January 14th and runs through February 3rd. Schools were closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Upcoming events include Count Day on February 12th, Black History Month celebrations throughout February, and Quarter 2 ending on January 24th, with Honor Roll assemblies on January 30th. Spirit Week will feature themed dress days, starting with red, yellow, or green attire on Monday to celebrate Black History Month.

Human Resource Update – Kim Knight
Ms. Knight has completed the audit, and I'm pleased to report that it was a clean audit, which we passed successfully. The auditor was highly impressed with how organized the process was, noting that everything he needed was readily available without requiring additional assistance from Mrs. Knight or her staff. He will provide a full report to the board at our next meeting.

Achievers Academy Update – Trienere McClellan
Ms. McClellan report that we currently have 15 504 plans and achieved 100% compliance for IEPs again this year. For MTSS, we are vetting a math company to support Tier 2 and 3 interventions and have a new MTSS Coordinator who is undergoing training and shadowing at another charter school. We are also exploring a progress monitoring portal to track student growth data. Accreditation with Cognia is upcoming, which will be beneficial. Lastly, our health services team has been busy managing seasonal illnesses, and thanks to fall immunization clinics, we are meeting immunization targets for our students.

Compliance and Achiever's Academy Update – Dr. Ebony Walker.
Dr. Walker reported that we are focus on creating a positive testing environment and piloting strategies to maximize student growth for the spring. We have an accreditation team in place, and continue to leverage past initiatives like Blueprint to guide our progress. Addressing truancy is crucial, as it significantly impacts our school's index score, and factors like having a gym teacher and arts programs also contribute positively. Growth is weighted more heavily than proficiency, so our priority is improving student outcomes.

Early childhood development – Delicia Allen
Mrs. Allen was pleased to report that we are just one student away from filling our GSRP program with 60 students. Currently, we have 59 students, with one student moving out of state. So we expect to be at full capacity by the end of the week, right in time for our official February GSRP Count Day.

VII. Comment by Authorizer – Melissa Weisberger
Ms. Weiberger reported Mr. Woods and Mr. Bartell, board seats expire on June 30th, and you are eligible for reappointment. If you wish to seek another term, she have sent the application, and she'll provide a paper copy as well. Nominations and applications are due by April 1st, so they can be reviewed by the board for approval. If reappointed, you would take your oath at the June meeting. Additionally, we are reminding schools to add our LSSU logo and a link to our website on their sites, as discussed in the Admin meeting. January is Appreciation Month, and we want to thank our board members for their hard work beyond the monthly meetings.

VIII. Board Matters - no comments

IX. Public Comment – no comments

X. Adjournment
Airlene Gross motions to adjourn the meeting. Douglas Bartell seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 5:51pm

Jeanette D Weno — 2.28.25

Signed, Board Secretary — Date

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