

**Baltimore Teacher Network
Board Meeting – March 27, 2017**

Board Members in Attendance: Matt Wernsdorfer, Shanelle Hopkins, Anthony Pena, Lonnie Hardy, Curtis Pope, Sherrie Howell and Brad Bixler

Board quorum is six (6), seven members were in attendance.

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, John Price, Jodi Faye, Dimitric Roseboro, Sheri Weaver,

Meeting call to order by President Wernsdorfer at 5:10pm.

Review of the minutes of February 4, 2017 and January 23, 2017, both documents were approved by the board.

The President recognized Dorian Walker – Student from Independence who has been selected to travel to Japan to participate in an international youth technology conference. Dorian has created his own drone and he developed a robotics class at the school. The board awarded Dorian with a financial gift to assist him defray the cost of his travels. Dorian's mother was also in attendance.

Financial report overview by Leah Abrams, board member Shanelle Hopkins had no issues with the report. It was stated that the auditors will be invited to present at the next board meeting.

Principal's Reports: Ms. Faye reported on ConneXions for Principal Brooks who was out of town. There were no items requiring board action. Mr. Roseboro provided a brief report on Independence, no board acting required. Mr. Roseboro did inform the board that the SER will start next month and the school is gearing up for the review.

Executive Director's report required two board action items on new policies. The first was a policy on payroll advances. This policy was approved by the board. The second was a policy on Diversity and Inclusion. This policy was deferred by the board. Board member Anthony Pena volunteered to redraft the policy to make it more concise.

Meeting was adjourned at 7PM but an informal executive session was held to discuss the feasibility of holding our annual Beacon of Light Awards Gala this year. Members were asked if they truly wanted to have this event. The overall response was that members were interested but had some reservations or concerns that they wanted to explore. The consensus was that we would have the event this year but more discussion needs to be had on the roles and responsibilities of staff and board members.