



Board Meeting

July 25, 2017

5:00pm

Board Members in Attendance: Matt Wernsdorfer, Pastor Lonnie Hardy, Zivia Ritchie, Anthony Pena, Curtis Pope, Sherri Howell, Lesley Stepney

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, Dimitric Roseboro, Jodi Faye, Kim Johnson, Sherri Weaver, Linda Harrison, Aurelia White, John Price

Guest in Attendance: Richard Perkins, Gar Roberts

Open by Matt
Didn't have a Quorum
Elijah started with his report.

Introductions of Guests by Elijah

The principal search for ConneXions has been completed. Mr. Brooks has been forwarded to BCPS for next steps of appointment. An official vote by the board needs to take place.

Matt asked Board Members did they have any questions, comments, etc. concerning Mr. Brooks appointment to ConneXions. None was heard or seen.

Both Independence & ConneXions student count has been addressed. ConneXions student cap is increased to 475. Independence is at 150.

Elijah mention that ConneXions is going to a new company Jani King for janitorial services. Wanted a vote on the new company. Matt informed, if there is not a change in the amount, the service provider is at his purview.

Elijah wanted a confirmed answer/commitment from the board on the Gala. Matt informed Elijah, that the Gala is a go. The board is aware of its responsibility of a table.

Elijah informed the board that the rents for both schools would increase. However, there will be a meeting with Paul Turner on Wednesday, July 26th @ 11am to discuss the rents.

All Staff Retreat.... In packet.. See attached...

Saturday, July 29th... Stop the shooting @ ConneXions all are invited

Dr. Durant

Meeting with Mr. Roseboro to go over the renewal. Everything is on path to submit the required documents to Mr. Etheridge.

John Price

Friday, August 18th @ Target Mondawmin Mall & Saturday, August 19th @ Towson Walmart. Fill the Bus Campaign and all staff and board members are welcomed and encouraged to come.

Back to School Expo Saturday, Sept 16th in the cafeteria. Currently have 20 vendors confirmed to be in attendance.

Board received Quorum @ 6:01pm

Vote on Brooks as Principal of ConneXions

Motion made by Lesley Stepney to accept Mr. Brooks as Principal

Sherri Howell Seconds the motion

Motion Carries – No abstentions

Code of Ethics – Mr. Pena

(see attached)

Motion made by Sherri Howell to accept Code of Ethics as is

Second Anthony Pena Seconds

Motion Carries – No abstentions

Minutes

Add Sherri Howell to minutes

Motion made Anthony Pena with the addition to add Sherri Howell

Curtis Pope Seconds

Motion Carries – No abstentions

Budget

No vote on the budget

Exec Committee will vote on spending

Matt will reconvene the board to do an electronic vote

Independence

Presented Dashboard (see attached)

SER college and career readiness

Independence is @ 133 students and growing

Currently there are 4 vaccines (2 math & 2 sped) at Independence

ConneXions

Presented dashboard

3-year reading goals set out by the CEO is the school's focus

Stop drop and read after lunch. Reading score has gone from 5.2 to 15.5% in English and 9 to 13.6 in math

Sherri – can ConneXions overage be transferred to Independence. DR is working with Brooks to transfer names to Independence for acceptance

Mr. Etheridge said for the record that he doesn't want non BCPS personal suspending students. It was made clear that non-BCPS employees can't suspend a student. They can make a recommendation but cannot suspend.

Curtis, Ziva & Matt will be attending the Retreat

6:50pm adjourned