



**Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019
5:00pm**

Board Members in Attendance: Matt Wernsdofer, Imani Bryan, Sherri Howell, John Berggren, Brad Bixler, Kevin Swearinger, Delia Wilson

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Dr. Ron Howell, Ayanna McLean-Principal Independence, Anne Rossi-Roots & Branches Principal-Sidney Brooks, Ms. White-ConneXions, Dimitri Jackson, Ms. Williams-Teacher at Independence, Linda Harrison, Ashley McGill, Shari Thomas, Sherri Weaver. Leah Abrams, Jessica McLeod- Assistant Principal ConneXions.

5:15 Matt introduction- Talking about how we should be mindful of how we speak about our children. Ask us to talk about a child that impressed us with a partner and then the other partner share with the child that impressed them.

5:25 Kevin motioned to accept minutes with corrections and Delia 2nd the motion.

5:30 Special presentation of ConneXions vocal choir led by

5:58 We broke for dinner

6:10 We began to discuss the proposed 2019-2020 budget for btn. Mention that the budget didn't reflect the cost of living raise for btn staff. Dr Howell review the budget. Sheri makes recommendation to approve the budget submitted and Kevin 2nd the motion. Connexions budget discussed. Motion to approve by Sherrie Howell, and John Berggren 2nd motion to approve the budget for Connexions. Discussion around \$500 budgeted for substitutes. Suggestions moving other line items budgets from curriculum and materials to substitute to better reflect the budget. Matt brought up about Outward bound has a line item zero and this is a part of the Charter. Made a recommendation to the budget and come back to amend the budget in regard to outward bound. Bixler made a motion to approve the budget as is but to come back to amend the budget in regard to outward bound in the future. Matt has serious contention about the lack of outward bound in the budget. Kevin 2nd the motion of the budget.

Make a motion to provide \$500 to Benjamin Spence from BTN budget for his travel.

6:40 Elijah brought up the teachers were upset about the suspension of painting for the buildings.

6:45 Principal reports-

ConneXions- Working on allocation of CSI. Working on staffing and secure the staffing positions. Lost a reading specialist. 370,000 was injected from CSI to help the k12 spending account t help prepare and develop teachers. 370,000 was to be used on supplemental materials.

Independence- CSI money has been awarded 64,000. Money to be used for professional development around project-based learning. 19 applications went out for senior class for college and 18 were accepted. Matt suggested an update on graduation rate, college attendance, academic rigor to the School board to show the growth of Independence. Dr Howell gave a shout to principal Mclean about getting projects done and working with getting seniors completed. Mr Bixler talked about about Principal Mclean's passion she had with students in her presence.

Roots and Branches- They are trying to keep things going while the school is being worked on transition the school to a new school.

7:00 Matt closed with two requests

1. Consider attending graduation
2. Getting back to August retreat.

7:05 Board voted to end meeting

Next Steps

Ron will provide next steps for the experimental programs for Independence.

Decide how to paint the school or approve the painting contract

Determine if a pay raise is feasible for Elijah and Dr Howell – in finance mtg

Consider attending graduation

Getting back to Elijah about August retreat