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**Joint meeting of the Board of Directors
January 28, 2019**

Board Members: Anthony Pena, Brad Bixler, GAR Roberts, Zivia Ritchie, Sherri Howell, Curtis Pope,

Staff: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, Sherri Weaver, Valerie White, Ariel White, Leah Abrams, Michael Plummer, Sidney Brooks, Jessica McLoed, Ann Rossi, D. Callwood-Jackson, Ashley McGill, Linda Harrison, S. Carbon, Student from Independence, Parent

Guests: Andrew Knox

5:30 - Meeting open with motion by Brad Bixler, 2nd by Zivia Ritchie

5:35 pm - Moment of Silent for Mr. Jenkins former arts teacher from ConneXions

5:37 - Mr. Carbon spoke about visit to City Hall. Introduced student from Independence who has internship at City Hall. Adriana Sallasar. Anthony Pena suggested that there be a special recognition for student

5:40 – Leah Abrams Financial Report

- ConneXions – See attached
- Independence – See attached
- Roots & Branches – See attached
- BTN - See attached

All entities are at expected spending at this point of the year. There maybe some overage in one or two line items and under in others which will balance out for the final projected budget.

6:00 pm – Reflections on R&B Closing – Elijah Etheridge

School Board BCPS voted to close R&B

Board has not decided if they will close R&B 501c3 and if these Board Members will fold into BTN or stay R&B. Offered

6:05 pm – Principals report

- Anne Rossi – See report attached – Highlights, see video that GAR and Michael. Has dash board as Matt requested.
 - Sherri Weaver – What will happen with R&B art work?
 - Ann Rossi – Producing an end of the year book with arts, etc. In conversation Walters to display art from the students, specifically the wall in the opening.

- Sidney Brooks – See Dashboard – Highlights, CSI first meeting was last Thursday in Laurel, MD. ILT is completing the needs assessment. Classes will shift to 90 minutes and PD will reflect that in April, teaching teachers how to teach in the 90 minute block. Board Commissioner Casani, choose ConneXions as her school. She was actually one of the original writers for ConneXions.
 - Elijah – How do we deal with student who are not interested in arts that are at the school?
 - Ms. McLoed – focusing students more on a more academic schedule
- Independence – No report

6:25 pm – Anthony – Budgeting is critical to Parent involvement or budgets will be rejected

6:30 pm ED Report – Introduction of Andrew Knox who is interested in joining the board. See attached Board Report

- Unrest in Hampden Community –
- BTN Audit
- R&B – Board members voted not to do audit
- BTU Tasks force for violence in school
- BCPS board voted 10-0 to remove police officers out of school
- BTN will host two forums in April (teachers, students) BTN is asking 2 teachers and 2 students from the charter schools to attend and discuss the code of conduct
- BTN has made contact with the Da Vinci group.

6:42 pm - Brad Motion to go into Executive Session. GAR 2nd

7:30 pm – Brad made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Sherri Howell 2nd

7:32 pm – Anthony Pena reported out Executive Sessions Decisions.

- As discussed in Executive session, JT and Lonnie Hardy were voted by all present to be removed from the board per board policy of 3 unexcused absences.
- It was agreed to have a policy for board members who missed 2 meetings with no notice that formal communication should be sent from the office on the behalf of board president.
- The board voted to make Anthony Peña, Vice-President and Brad Bixler, Secretary.
- Sherri Howell would share information with Dr. Howell about Agriculture & Anthony Pena gave information about Stan Wolfe @ BCPS for CTE Science Teacher.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm