



New Beginnings Schools Foundation Special Board Meeting

September 14, 2016

5:30 pm

2045 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 438

New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors of New Beginnings Schools Foundation was held September 14, 2016 at 5:34pm at 2045 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 438.

The following members were present:

Present for the meeting were:

Leslie Bouie
Wanda Brooks
Travis Chase
Shelia Danzey
Tracey Jackson
Kathy Saloy
Ashley Spears
Jill Sylvain

Absent from the meeting were:

Val Marshall

Adoption of the Agenda

Voted:

Chair Bouie called to approve the agenda of the meeting. On motion by Travis Chase and second by Kathy Saloy, Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

Committee Updates/Reports

Academic Excellence Committee – Chair Bouie stated that Ms. Marshall was absent this evening for the meeting. The delivery of the Academic Excellence report was moved to the next meeting.

Finance Committee – Chair Bouie asked Shelia Danzey, Chair to deliver the Finance Committee Report.

Chair Danzey met with the CEO this past Monday and was very pleased with the comprehensive report given on the budget.

Ms. Bouin-Williams added if any board members needs an explanation, she would provide it. The CEO advised that she will have the financial dashboard for you at the next board meeting.

Nominating Committee – Chair Chase advised that there are currently two NBSF prospective board members. Rafael Gaines, who is employed with, 4.0 Schools and Tamara Weir, who is employed with Capitol One. The names were provided by LAPCS. The committee will review resumes, invite them to attend a board meeting, visit the schools and then the board will make its recommendation.

ACTION AGENDA ITEM(S):

Action Item No. 1: Adoption of the 2016-2017 Annual Budget. The recommendation was made by Shelia Danzey, Finance Chair, for the NBSF board adopt the FY2017 Budget. The motion was seconded by Jill Sylvain. Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

Action Item No. 2: Revision of 2016-2017 NBSF Academic Calendar. Chair Bouie asked Michelle Blouin-Williams, CEO to explain the proposed changed to the board. The changes are as follows: Winter holidays would be from 12/23/16 – 1/6/17 (11 days) students return on 1/9/17. Winter Holidays Employees 12/23/16 – 1/5/17 (10 days) employees return on 1/6/17 for Professional Development. Parent Conferences 1/12/17 – Full student day. Kathy Saloy made a motion to approve the revisions of 2016-2017 NBSF Academic Calendar. It was seconded by Ashley Spears. **Motion carried.**

Action Item No. 3: Acceptance of one year (12 month) contract with *Our Voice* for school and community engagement. Chair Bouie requested a motion related to the one year contract with Our Voice. The motion was made by Shelia Danzey and seconded by Kathy Saloy to accept the one year contract with *Our Voice* contract. Ms. Danzey asked for a revision on the draft contract to include an

attachment to the existing contract with a rubric, deliverables and timeline to the contract. **Motion carried with revision.**

Action Item No. 4: The NBSF board reschedules the September Board business meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 5:30pm. Chair Bouie called for a motion to reschedule the regular Board business meeting for September 29, 2016 at 5:30pm at Lake Area High School cafeteria. The motion was made by Shelia Danzey and seconded by Ashley Spears to reschedule the regular Board business meeting for September 29, 2016 at 5:30pm at Lake Area High School (Cafeteria). **Motion carried.**

Chair Bouie introduced Tracey Jackson, new board member to the members of the board.

PRESENTATION(S)

Unification Plan Update, Neil Ranu, LAPCS, gave an update on ACT 91 which mandates the return of all RSD-New Orleans schools to the Orleans Parish School Board (OPSB) by July 1, 2018. Mr. Ranu advised board members if they are not receiving the Top Shelf communication from LAPCS to sign up on the LAPCS website.

CEO UPDATE

Michelle Blouin-Williams advised the board that the next several weeks will be busy at the network. Ms. Blouin-Williams will be conducting Meet and Greets at all network schools. Ms. Blouin-Williams indicated that she would provide updates on all four schools and advise on the state of the organization.

In the packets was a draft of the 2016-2017 pupil progression plan. The plan is due to the state by October 28, 2016. The plan is posted on the website. We have copies in all our schools for parental review.

NEW BUSINESS

- Avery Alexander Opening Fall 2017
- Charter Renewals
 - Gentilly Terrace Charter Renewal year 2017
 - Nelson Charter Renewal year 2018

Chair Bouie advised the new business items are a reminder to the CEO to give monthly updates on the items.

On motion by Kathy Saloy and seconded by Ashley Spears, the meeting ended at 6:50 pm.