



New Beginnings Schools Foundation Board Meeting

February 16, 2017

5:30 pm

2045 Lakeshore Drive, CERM Building Rm. 438

New Orleans, Louisiana

Minutes

A meeting of the Board of Directors of New Beginnings Schools Foundation was held on February 16, 2017 at 5:30 pm at 2045 Lakeshore Drive.

The following members were present:

Present for the meeting were:

Leslie Bouie
Wanda Brooks
Travis Chase
Shelia Danzey
Raphael Gang
Val Marshall
Kathy Saloy
Tamara Wyre

Absent from the meeting were:

Tracey Jackson
Ashley Spears
Jill Sylvain

Adoption of Minutes

Voted:

Board President, Leslie Bouie called to approve the minutes from the December 16, 2016 board meeting. Motion was made by Raphael Gang. The motion was seconded by Wanda Brooks. Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

Adoption of the Agenda

Voted:

Board President, Leslie Bouie called to approve the February 16, 2017 board meeting agenda as presented. On motion of Chair Bouie and seconded by Val Marshall. Chair Bouie called for the vote. Chair Bouie advised that the agenda would be modified to remove the Action Item "Capital One Resolution", which required no action from the full board. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

Academic Excellence Committee – Committee Chair Val Marshall reported that the committee met on January 10, 2017. Ms. Marshall also advised the board that an academic update was provided to the committee which included the current student achievement trends dashboard and the current organizational structure of the NBSF Academics Team. Ms. Marshall also advised the board that the committee reviewed the draft of the Special Education handbook.

Presentation(s)

CEO Report/Updates – Michelle Blouin-Williams provided the monthly update to the board, which focused on student achievement, testing updates, instructional focus, and enrollment. Mrs. Williams also provided an update on the Avery Alexander Building construction and the network's external relations. Mrs. Blouin-Williams also advised the committee of the current collaborative efforts between Our Voice and the NBSF parents. Additionally, Mrs. Williams updated the board on the school improvement grant the network has received, which includes \$32,000 for uniforms for the Gentilly Terrace and Capdau schools. The Parent Champions Circle is working with Our Voice to keep parents engaged regarding the transition to the Avery Alexander school. Mrs. Williams also advised that staff have been working on external relations in order to ensure that the community knows and understands who NBSF is. Additionally, Mrs. Williams advised that she has been working to re-engage the relationship with University of New Orleans, which includes working together on the Early Start Program at Lake Area, a possible LaSIP grant, and plans to sever the relationship with the UNO Foundation and begin working directly with the university, which will allow the network to move from the CERM Building to the 1st floor of the Education Building. The move may also present an opportunity for NBSF to hold classes on UNO's campus, similar to the dual enrollment, school expansion program Ben Franklin offers on campus for its students. Lastly, Mrs. Blouin-Williams has been working to re-engage Capital One on their Backpacks for Kids program to provide school supplies to the NBSF students for the upcoming school year.

Information Items

2017-2018 School Calendar (draft) – Mrs. Blouin-Williams advised that the proposed school calendar for School Year 2017-2018 was attached for review by all. The calendar included assessment dates, and is aligned with the draft version calendar shared by OPSB.

Action Agenda Items

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures – Board Vice President, Shelia Danzey advised that the statewide agreed-upon procedures were attached for review by all. Board members considered a contract from Bruno and Tervalon for services related to the upcoming audit. Board members also noted that timing for this review to be completed was key. Motion was made by Raphael Gang to

authorize the contract with Bruno and Tervalon. The motion was seconded by Wanda Brooks. Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Basic Information Regarding ACT 91 (SB 432) – Board President, Leslie Bouie advised that Act 91 unifies 24 OPBS and 52 RSD schools into a single, unified system of schools under the governance of the Orleans Parish School Board over the next 2 years. Mrs. Bouie also advised that NBSF staff need to keep the board informed regarding the matter as information is received. CEO Blouin-Williams assured the board that she would update them accordingly.

7:11 PM Meeting Adjourned

Prepared by:

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**Shawanda Raphael, Executive Assistant
New Beginnings Schools Foundation**