



New Beginnings Schools Foundation Board Meeting

March 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
Travis Chase
Shelia Danzey
Raphael Gang
Val Marshall
Kathy Saloy
Ashley Spears
Tamara Wyre

Absent from the meeting were:

Wanda Brooks
Tracey Jackson
Jill Sylvain

Adoption of Minutes

Voted:

Board President, Leslie Bouie called to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2017 board meeting. Motion was made by Raphael Gang. The motion was seconded by Travis Chase. Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

Adoption of the Agenda

Voted:

Due to time constraints, Attorney Michelle Craig requested that the agenda be modified to move the Charter Updates agenda item to before the Nelson Parent Presentation. Board President, Leslie Bouie called to approve the March 16, 2017 board meeting agenda with the modification as requested. Motion was made by Travis Chase. The motion was seconded by Raphael Gang. Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

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Committee Reports

Academic Excellence Committee – Committee Chair Val Marshall reported that the committee met on March 7, 2017. Ms. Marshall also advised the board that the network’s special education handbook is also being reviewed. There will be a joint committee meeting of the Academic Excellence and Finance committees of the board, which will take place on April 6th at 4pm. Board Member Gang advised that he will be out of town and therefore unable to attend the joint meeting.

Finance Committee – Committee Shelia Danzey reported that the committee met on March 13, 2017. Ms. Danzey also advised the board that the Bruno & Tervalon contract for the audit on the State’s Agreed Upon Procedures has been signed. The audit is scheduled to begin on April 1st, which coincides with budget revisions. Additionally, there will be additional staffing in the finance department beginning on Monday, March 20th. Ms. Danzey also requested that there be one correction to the Committee’s meeting minutes to reflect that segregation of duties was mentioned, but was not a specified task, but more of a daily operational issue. Ms. Danzey also advised that the networks policies and procedures should routinely be reviewed and updated to ensure that they align with governmental standards.

Information Items

Charter Updates – Ms. Michelle Craig, NBSF Board Attorney, advised that the network has been in a series of meetings regarding the charter updates. There are currently 3 drafts of the contract, and the most recent revisions were provided just in advance of tonight’s board business meeting. The next meeting to discuss revisions will be held on March 20th. Ms. Craig also advised that the board may need to have its next board business meeting early to afford board members the opportunity to review and discuss the contract. Ms. Craig will provide an update to the board after the March 20th meeting. Ms. Danzey requested that Ms. Craig provide a synopsis in matrix form indicating contract changes, recommendations, and differences. Ms. Craig stated that she will also provide the matrix provided to her by OPSB. The suggested date for the April board meeting would be April 13th, which will be the last opportunity for the board to express any concerns they have regarding the contract. Board members agreed that the next board business meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 12th at 5:30pm. Motion was made Ashley Spears. The motion was seconded by Val Marshall. **Motion Carried.**

Nelson Parent Presentation – Parent Champion Circle School Improvement Initiative – Ms. Amy Hoyle, Chief of Strategy and Innovation advised that the board would receive a presentation from the parents of the Parent Champion Circle and thanked the parents in attendance. These presenters have completed their school improvement initiative, which was overseen by representatives from Our Voice. The parents will graduate from their Circle in the next few days. Mr. Allen LaFarge, a parent of a Nelson Charter School student, provided information to the board regarding the vision and goals of the initiative. He also advised that the school’s principal has

been very open and welcoming of all the parents' suggestions. The Nelson Parent Circle has also begun collaborative efforts with the Gentilly Terrace School parents to expand the initiative at their school. Mr. LaFarge invited the board members to attend the next parent circle meeting, which will be held on March 22nd at 5:30pm. Additionally, Mr. LaFarge advised the board that there will be a presentation of the vision and goals of the Parent Champion Circle Initiative on April 29th from 11am to 1pm. The location of the meeting will be provided in the near future.

Action Agenda Items

Adoption of 2017-2018 NBSF Academic Calendar – Board President, Leslie Bouie, advised that the calendar was presented to the board for consideration. Motion was made by Travis Chase. The motion was seconded by Raphael Gang. Chair Bouie called for the vote. **Motion carried.**

New Business

Chair Bouie advised that the board needed to schedule its annual retreat, which usually takes place in June on a Saturday for about 4 hours. Ms. Bouie advised that once the date has been set by the board, she will then task an ad hoc committee to prepare an agenda for the retreat. Board members advised that the best time for the retreat to take place would be in July. Tentative date for the retreat is July 15th.

6:19 PM Meeting Adjourned

Prepared by:



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