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InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 28, 2019

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Wayne Crochet, Stephen Boyard, Joseph Ridolfo, MaryJo Roberts, Jay Daniels, Karren Alexander, and Freddie King III. Absent were Shawn Rogers, Dana Wade, and James Dabney. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

**1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:**

The minutes were reviewed from the meetings on November 28, December 15, and January 8.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from November 28, December 15, and January 8 meetings.

Motion by J. Daniels, seconded by K. Alexander.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard included – Tier I curriculum, academic leadership trainings, and an ACT boot camp.

F. King arrived at 5:40 pm.

**3. Finance Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – the completed audit, the cash statement review, construction progress of the new Karr facility, and the upcoming rollout of an online invoicing/procurement system.

**4. CEO Report**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – talent, the Rally for Excellence, the ongoing compensation study for teacher salaries, and ambassador focus groups. Board members asked questions about the staffing process for McDonogh 35 and how InspireNOLA compares to other organizations for teacher salaries.

**5. Governance Report**

Items reported and discussed by Wayne Crochet included – proposed changes to the Board bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation. There was also a discussion on the current structure of committee meetings. Jay Daniels took notes on board membership for each of six committees – academic, finance, governance/legal, nominating, CEO evaluation, and strategic planning. Up to 5 board members confirmed their membership or signed up for each committee.

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to approve the proposed changes to the proposed changes to the bylaws.

Motion by W. Crochet, seconded by J. Daniels

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

**b. Motion to approve the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation.**

The motion on the table was to amend Article 7 of the Articles of Incorporation to align with OPSB policy on board membership.

Motion by W. Crochet, seconded by J. Daniels

Board Chair Crochet commented that Mr. Ridolfo had done research on the legal process of amending bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

Items reported out:

Next Finance Committee Meeting – March 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Academic Committee Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – March 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, F. King made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by K. Alexander. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.