



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2018

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 24th day of September at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Wayne Crochet, Jay Daniels, Steve Boyard, Joe Ridolfo, Dana Wade, Shawn Rogers, James Dabney and MaryJo Roberts. Staff present was Wylene Sorapuru, Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

The minutes were reviewed from the meetings on June 26, July 28, July 30, and September 11.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the June 26, July 28, July 30, and September 11 minutes.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by J. Daniels, seconded by S. Rogers.

2. Academic Report:

Items discussed and reported by Wylene Sorapuru included – how schools will be measured on growth and achievement for SPS, an overview of the strengths and weaknesses of each InspireNOLA school including an action plan to improve growth for every child, and how the calculations for determining SPS will be changing.

3. Finance Report:

Items discussed and reported by Charlie Mackles included – days of working capital, MFP, the average teacher salary at InspireNOLA, and how transportation is the largest non-personnel expense, followed by food services and building costs. The financial audit should be complete by the end of October.

4. CEO Report:

Items discussed and reported by Jamar McKneely included – InspireNOLA’s listed address has changed to 2401 Westbend Parkway, community events including a March and Rally for Peace, feedback from student and teacher ambassadors, and upcoming events. Mr. McKneely also expressed concern about the difference between InspireNOLA’s projected enrollment and the 10/1 count, the rising cost of transportation, and a possible shift in letter grades due to the State’s new formula for Academic Letter Grades. Mr. McKneely also said there would be staff adjustments as early as October to avoid a deficit.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve a resolution to grant signature authority to Board President Wayne Crochet to take any and all steps necessary to execute any and all Operating Agreements and/or similar documents necessary for the execution of the agreement between InspireNOLA Charter Schools and the Orleans Parish School Board.

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by S. Rogers, seconded by S. Boyard.



5. Board Expansion:

a. One item up for approval

Motion to offer Freddie King III a seat on the InspireNOLA Board.

The following Board comment was heard:

Board President Crochet endorsed Mr. King's membership because he said he is an active member of the community and a supporter of InspireNOLA.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion by S. Boyard, seconded by D. Wade.

Items reported out:

Next Board Meeting – November 13 – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office. Board members should submit proposed Board goals for discussion.

There being no further business, W. Crochet made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by D. Wade. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.