



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 26, 2018

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 26th day of November at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Wayne Crochet, Shawn Rogers, Stephen Boyard, Joseph Ridolfo, MaryJo Roberts, Jay Daniels, and Freddie King III. Absent was Dana Wade and James Dabney. Staff present was Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

1. Privileged Motion:

a. Two items up for approval

Motion to move the new board member vote to the beginning of the meeting.

Motion by J. Ridolfo, seconded by W. Crochet.

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

Motion to offer Karren Alexander a seat on the InspireNOLA Board.

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

The following Board comments were heard:

Board Member Boyard said that Ms. Alexander had interviewed well. Board Chair Crochet said that Ms. Alexander had attended the committee meeting and presented outstanding credentials. Board Member Rogers remarked that she was extremely pleased to have Ms. Alexander join the Board.

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

The minutes were reviewed from the meetings on September 24 and November 13.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the minutes from September 24 and November 13 meetings.

Motion by M. Roberts, seconded by S. Rogers.

Motion unanimously carried.

3. Academic Report:

Items discussed and reported by Wylene Sorapuru included – the difference between the old and new SPS formulas resulting in the following letter grades: Karr remained an A, McMain went from a C to a B in one year, 42 went from an F to a D in one year, Wilson remained a C, and Harte moved from an A to a B under the new formula. The Board asked questions about how InspireNOLA schools performed relative to other OPSB schools, communication with parents, and how to increase achievement at Harte.

J. Daniels arrived at 5:41 pm.

4. Finance Report:

Items discussed and reported by Charlie Mackles included – what necessitated a budget revision including, timing in net asset projections, reduced MFP per pupil funding, carryover of federal revenue allocation, and the actual realization of non-personnel expenditures. The Board asked questions about the State’s plans for MFP, the source of the bulk of the deficit, and the relationship between increasing enrollment and staffing models.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the 2018-19 Budget Revision 1.

The motion on the table was to approve Budget Revision 1 which called for \$370,000 more of a deficit than what was submitted in July.

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

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion unanimously carried.

F. King III arrived at 5:59 pm.

5. CEO Report

Items discussed and reported by Wylene Sorapuru on behalf of Jamar McKneely included – InspireNOLA’s efforts to involve all stakeholders (community, students, parents, teachers, and leaders) through events, Ambassador meetings, and TAP performance payouts. Concerns addressed by Dr. Sorapuru included a compensation study to address potential teacher raises.

6. Governance Report

Items discussed and reported by Wayne Crochet included – proposed changes to the Board bylaws that include OPSB requirements and eliminating term limits to create longevity. There will be a vote on the proposed bylaw changes at the January 28th Board meeting. There was no discussion of a succession plan as noted in the agenda; this discussion will be moved to the January 8th Committee Meetings.

Items reported out:

Next Committee Meeting – January 8th – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office. There will be further discussion of amending Board governance documents.

Next Board Meeting – January 28th – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, S. Rogers made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Daniels. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 pm.