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InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
April 25, 2017

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April at 5:30PM at Alice Harte with the following members in attendance and participating: Stephen J. Boyard, Jr., Wayne Crochet, Angelle Cresswell, James, Dabney, Jay Daniels and Mary Jo Roberts. Absent were Joseph Ridolfo, Shawn Rogers, and Dana Wade. Staff present was Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, and Wylene Sorapuru.

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

**1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:**

Adoption of the Consent Agenda includes attached proposed minutes for the regular November Board meeting which was held on February 13, 2017. Minutes were distributed prior to the meeting via email by Keith Haywood. In addition, The Academic Excellence/Strategic Planning and Finance Committee Report were included in the Consent Agenda. All documents and attachments related to each committee report are available in meeting archives. Motion to accept all items by J. Daniels seconded by M. Roberts. Motion was passed unanimously.

**a. Five items up for approval**

Agenda Amendment

The motion on the table was to amend the agenda to include the following: Operating agreements for both McMain and McDonogh 42; LEA status of Alice Harte, Edna Karr, Andrew Wilson, McDonogh 42 and McMain. Motion to approve by W. Crochet seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

Authority to Sign

The motion on the table was to give W. Crochet the authority to sign operating agreements and LEA status acceptance letters on behalf of InspireNOLA. Motion to approve by J. Daniels seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

Operating Agreement – McDonogh 42

The motion on the table was to have W. Crochet sign the operating agreement for McDonogh 42 on behalf of InspireNOLA. Motion to sign by J. Daniels, seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

Operating Agreement – McMain

The motion on the table was to have W. Crochet sign the operating agreement for McMain on behalf of InspireNOLA. Motion to sign by J. Daniels, seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

LEA Status – All Schools

The motion on the table was to have W. Crochet sign the LEA status acceptance letters for Alice Harte, Edna Karr, Andrew Wilson, McDonogh 42 and McMain. Motion to sign by S. Roberts, seconded by J. Daniels. Motion was passed unanimously.

**2. Strategic Committee Report:**

Items discussed and reported by Wylene Sorapuru include –ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act). W. Sorapuru discussed how to measure the accountability and grading of schools.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items discussed and reported by Charlie Mackles include – Budget revisions and reducing net assets by creating additional resources at each school within the charter. The public hearing in July along with when to introduce the new budget for the 17-18 FY. Crescent City Crossing Program

*a. Two items up for approval*

Authority to Sign

The motion on the table was to give W. Crochet the authority to sign the Crescent City Crossing Program document on behalf of InspireNOLA. Motion to give authority by J. Daniels, seconded by S. Roberts. Motion was passed unanimously.

Crescent City Crossing Program

The motion on the table was to have W. Crochet sign the Crescent City Crossing Program document on behalf of InspireNOLA. Motion to sign by J. Daniels, seconded by S. Roberts. Motion was passed unanimously.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items discussed and reported by Jamar McKneely include – The acquiring of McMain and McDonogh 42. Updates on operations at McMain. The InspireNOLA Job Fair (4/26). McDonogh 42 Heads of Schools and the adjustment of leadership within schools. The Sybrina Fulton event at Dillard University (4/24). InspireNOLA’s End of Year Celebration (5/18). The transition into becoming a larger charter network, the addition of new leadership and faculty, talent acquisition strategies and the opportunity for Board Members to tour McDonogh 42 and McMain.

**5. New Business**

Board Members discussed which InspireNOLA Charter School graduation each member would attend.

There being no further business, J. Dabney made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by A. Cresswell. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.