



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
February 13, 2017

The regular monthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 13th day of February at 5:30PM at Andrew Wilson with the following members in attendance and participating: Stephen J. Boyard, Jr., Wayne Crochet, Angelle Cresswell, James Dabney, Joseph Ridolfo, Mary Jo Roberts, Jay Daniels and Dana Wade. Absent was Shawn Rogers. Staff present was Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, and Wylene Sorapuru.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm and the following matters were discussed or acted upon:

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

Minutes from the December 2016 board meeting were not received prior to the meeting. No vote on the consent agenda was taken.

2. Strategic Committee Report:

Items discussed and reported by Wylene Sorapuru include –School level academic data; leadership professional development contract from TNTP; InspireNOLA growth plan including expansion to McDonogh 42 and an Orleans High School.

a. One item up for approval

McDonogh 42 Authorization

The motion on the table was to authorize the CEO, Jamar McKneely, to accept the McDonogh 42 school if awarded by the RSD. The motion also gave Mr. McKneely the ability to negotiate terms and conditions related to finalizing the McDonogh 42 agreement. Motion to approve by W. Crochet, seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

3. Finance Committee Report:

Items discussed and reported by Charlie Mackles include – The proposed option to become a LEA was discussed in detail. The financial implications related to a move to LEA status was discussed for each school location. A new registered agent for the InspireNOLA non-profit was discussed. Our former provider has decided to no longer represent us at the Secretary of State.

a. Four items up for approval

Registered Agent

The motion on the table was to change the registered agent of InspireNOLA to Charlie Mackles in his official capacity as Chief Financial Officer of InspireNOLA. Agent address will be the business address of InspireNOLA, 3520 General DeGaulle, Ste. 4040, New Orleans, LA 70114. Motion to approve by M. Roberts seconded by A. Cresswell. Motion was passed unanimously.

LEA Status

The motion on the table was to request to the Orleans Parish School Board that Alice Harte Elementary become its own LEA effective 7/1/17. Motion to approve by J. Daniels seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.



The motion on the table was to request to the Orleans Parish School Board that Edna Karr High School become its own LEA effective 7/1/17. Motion to approve by J. Daniels seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

The motion on the table was to request to the Orleans Parish School Board that Andrew Wilson Elementary become its own LEA effective 7/1/17. Motion to approve by J. Daniels seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously.

Board Member Dana Wade had to leave the meeting at 5:53 pm.

4. CEO Report:

Items discussed and reported by Jamar McKneely include – Harte and Karr were awarded as schools of excellence at the OPEN awards; EdNavigator has published an article of the success at Andrew Wilson; the academic calendar for 17-18 was introduced; InspireNOLA has recently conducted listening tours at each of its campuses and implemented staff suggested items; InspireNOLA participated in the ADE breakfast of excellence.

5. New Business

The Board of Directors would like to schedule a walkthrough of McDonogh 42 if awarded the school. The next committee meeting will take place on April 4th, 2017 at Alice Harte. The board meeting will take place on April 24th, 2017 at Alice Harte.

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 6:21pm.