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InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: Dana Wade, Wayne Crochet, Shawn Rogers, James Dabney, MaryJo Roberts, Jay Daniels, Freddie King III, Joseph Ridolfo, and Karren Alexander. Absent was Stephen Boyard. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Wylene Sorapuru, Charlie Mackles, and Keith Haywood.

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

**1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:**

The minutes were reviewed ahead of time from the meetings on July 22, September 16, and September 17.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from July 22, September 16, and September 17.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

J. Ridolfo arrived at 5:37 p.m.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Wylene Sorapuru in Stephen Boyard's absence included – LEAP 2025, teacher talent evaluation, State Progress Index, and the ACT plan for all InspireNOLA scholars. Areas of consideration: sharing of growth and mastery data with scholars, National Merit Scholarship, and a transcript audit plan. Board inquired about enrollment numbers for each school.

K. Alexander arrived at 5:39 pm.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Shawn Rogers and Charlie Mackles included – Revenue trends for 2019-20 school year based on enrollment numbers and special revenue, audit timelines, firms and procedures, streamlining online payments for parents, charter types, Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire, and the Audit Engagement Letter for external auditors.

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to accept and use the InspireNOLA Audit Engagement Letter.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**b. Motion to approve the completed Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire.**



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

No discussion or public comment.

No public comment was offered at this time.

Motion carried unanimously.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – special recognition for InspireNOLA academic results, student enrollment, InspireNOLA Senior Induction Ceremony, the InspireNOLA committee meeting schedule, the InspireNOLA Gala, the InspireNOLA Strategic Plan, and an Edna Karr Building Construction Update.

**5. Public Comments:**

Ernest Pettigrew, Edna Karr parent and PTO member addressed the InspireNOLA Board to discuss the following – a potential bricklaying fundraiser to raise money for Edna Karr’s PTO and Alumni Association at the future Edna Karr School Building.

There being no further business, F. King III made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by M. Roberts. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.