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InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September at 5:30 PM as a Zoom videoconference in accordance with Act 302. The following members in attendance and participating: Wayne Crochet, Stephen Boyard, Dana Wade, MaryJo Roberts, Freddie King III, Karren Alexander, and Shawn Rogers. Jay Daniels and James Dabney were absent. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, Emily Hartnett, and Kristie Gonzalez.

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

**1. Consent of Minutes:**

The minutes were reviewed ahead of time from the meetings on June 22, July 20, August 29, September 8 and 9.

Motion to approve the minutes from June 22, July 20, August 29, September 8 and 9.

Motion by W. Crochet, seconded by S. Boyard.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard and Dr. Wylene Sorapuru included – professional development for teachers, parents, and students, virtual instruction, diagnostic testing and Individual Academic Plans, and school reopening. Board members asked questions about unfinished learning lessons and the amendment to the Pupil Progression Plan.

K. Alexander joined the meeting at 5:33 pm.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the amendment to the 20-21 InspireNOLA Pupil Progression Plan.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – per pupil revenue for the next school year, enrollment projections for the current school year, and the annual audit process.

S. Rogers joined the meeting at 5:41 pm.

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to approve current Principals and Assistant Principals to be added to respective school bank accounts.

Motion by W. Crochet, seconded by S. Rogers.



W. Crochet clarified that this included the C-level team, Board President, and Board Vice President. C. Mackles noted that since the signature cards expire every year, anyone who is no longer an employee is automatically removed.

Motion unanimously carried.

**b.** Motion to approve the InspireNOLA Audit Compliance Questionnaire as stated.

Motion by W. Crochet, seconded by S. Rogers.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – COVID testing, staff communication, community engagement efforts, the process for renaming McDonogh 42, safety precautions in buildings, and the staggered return of students to in-person instruction. Board members asked questions about enrollment counts, the new Karr field, and contact sports.

F. King left the meeting at 5:56 pm.

Items reported out:

Next Academic Committee Meeting – November 10<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Finance Committee Meeting – November 11<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Next Board Meeting – November 30<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

There being no further business, W. Crochet made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.