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InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 14, 2020

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December at 5:30 PM as a Zoom videoconference in accordance with Act 302. The following members in attendance and participating: Karren Alexander, Jay Daniels, Stephen Boyard, Shawn Rogers, MaryJo Roberts, Dana Wade, Freddie King III, and James Dabney. Absent was Wayne Crochet. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, Emily Hartnett, and Kristie Gonzalez.

Shawn Rogers led the meeting in Wayne Crochet's absence. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 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 September 21, November 10, and November 11.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from September 21, November 10, and November 11.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Dr. Wylene Sorapuru included – the addition of two instructional days this week after lost storm days, learning loss since COVID began from diagnostic data, and individual school academic action plans. Board members asked questions about parent engagement initiatives.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – the 2019-20 InspireNOLA annual audit resulting in an unmodified opinion and budget projections for the next school year, including cost savings initiatives put into place this year. Board members asked questions about the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) and the audit submission deadline.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to accept the 2019-20 Audit.

Motion by S. Rogers, seconded by K. Alexander.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**4. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – communication about safety measures and protocols, including COVID testing, the New Orleans Excellence in Teaching Awards, the next Holiday food and toy giveaway, and planning for next year. Board members asked questions about Edna Karr's football playoffs, contingency planning for after Winter Break, and technology.

Items reported out:



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Louisiana Board Ethics Training is due by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

Next Academic Committee Meeting – January 26<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm (location to-be-determined).

Next Finance Committee Meeting – January 27<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm (location to-be-determined).

Next Board Meeting – February 8<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm (location to-be-determined).

There being no further business, S. Rogers made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by J. Dabney. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:59 pm.