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InspireNOLA Charter Schools  
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 26, 2021

The regular bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of April at 5:30 PM as a Zoom videoconference in accordance with Act 302. The following members in attendance and participating: Dana Wade, Shawn Rogers, Stephen Boyard, Freddie King III, MaryJo Roberts, James Dabney, and Karren Alexander. Jay Daniels was absent. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Charlie Mackles, Wylene Sorapuru, Emily Hartnett, and Kristie Gonzalez.

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 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 February 8, April 13, and April 14.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the minutes from February 8, April 13, and April 14.

Motion by S. Rogers, seconded by F. King.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

**2. Academic Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard and Dr. Wylene Sorapuru included – academic data trends, LEAP 2025, and summer school. There were no questions.

**3. Finance Committee Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Charlie Mackles included – the timeline for approving the 21-22 budget, federal funding relief, the search for a new external auditor, and a fraud event update. Board members asked questions about attending the next committee meeting without being a Finance Committee member, bank signature card policy, and a separate breakdown of ESSER funding.

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to revise the Capdau bank signature card.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

The 2021-22 Budget was received by the Board.

**4. Wayne Crochet:**

The Board acknowledged the news they had received earlier that morning of the passing of Board President Wayne Crochet. Shawn Rogers, Dr. James Dabney, Stephen Boyard, and Freddie King III each spoke about Mr. Crochet's impact on the Board and on them personally. The Board observed a moment of silence for Mr. Crochet.

**5. CEO Report:**

Items reported and discussed by Jamar McKneely included – challenges presented by COVID-19, vaccination opportunities offered by InspireNOLA, renaming initiatives, and community engagement events. Board members asked questions about graduation.

F. King left the meeting at 6:14 pm.

**6. Executive Session:**

**a. Two items up for approval**

Motion to move to Executive Session to discuss the CEO’s performance.

Motion by J. Dabney, seconded by M. Roberts.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried at 6:15 pm.

**b. Motion to move out of Executive Session.**

Motion by J. Dabney, seconded by M. Roberts.

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried at 7:34 pm.

**7. CEO Evaluation:**

**a. One item up for approval**

Motion to approve the CEO performance recommendation.

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

S. Rogers commented to thank Mr. McKneely for outstanding work and exemplary service. No public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

Items reported out:

GiveNOLA Day is Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Tier III Financial Disclosure forms are due to the State by Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Next Finance Committee Meeting – June 16<sup>th</sup> – 4:45 pm, location TBD.

Public Hearing on Budget – June 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 pm, location TBD.

Next Board Meeting – June 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm, location TBD.

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 7:39 pm.