



InspireNOLA Charter Schools
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2024

The bimonthly meeting for the Board of Directors of InspireNOLA Charter Schools was held on the 26th day of February at 5:30 PM at the Network Office with the following members in attendance and participating: MaryJo Roberts, Stephen Boyard, James Dabney, Jay Daniels, and Karren Alexander. Shawn Rogers and Dana Wade were absent. Staff present were Jamar McKneely, Dr. Wylene Sorapuru, Charlie Mackles, Latoye Brown, Kevin Barnes Jr., Leroy Harris, 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 December 18, January 30, and January 31.

a. One item up for approval

Motion to approve the minutes from December 18, January 30, and January 31.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

2. Academic Committee Report:

Items reported and discussed by Dr. James Dabney included – academic growth in early literacy and college readiness metrics, academic interventions like tutoring and individual academic plans, state testing, and student academic recognition.

3. Finance Committee Report:

Items reported and discussed by Stephen Boyard and Charlie Mackles included – changes to the Bank Signature Cards to add Assistant Principals at four schools, financial information requested at the last board meeting including open contracts, leases, and debts, teacher differentiated compensation stipends, and Budget Revision 1.

a. Three items up for approval

Motion to revise the Bank Signature Cards for Cpadau STEAM, Edna Karr, McDonogh 35, and Alice Harte.

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

No discussion or public comment.

Motion unanimously carried.

b. Motion to approve the differentiated pay compensation as follows: \$1,500 SPED to 9 teachers, \$2,000 highly effective to 4 teachers at Alice Harte; \$1,500 SPED to 11 teachers, \$1,000 to 10 math teachers, and \$1,500 to 8 science teachers at Edna Karr; \$409 to all teachers at Andrew Wilson, Capdau STEAM, Eleanor McMain, Dwight Eisenhower, and McDonogh 35.

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

No discussion or public comment.
Motion unanimously carried.

c. Motion to approve Budget Revision 2 for 2023-24.

Motion by S. Boyard, seconded by K. Alexander.
No discussion or public comment.
Motion unanimously carried.

4. Nominating Committee Discussion:

S. Boyard shared reference documents for a possible Board expansion including an excerpt from the InspireNOLA Bylaws, the board created Board Description and Responsibilities, and possible interview questions.

5. CEO Report:

Items reported and discussed Jamar McKneely included – InspireNOLA Year 10 events, student experiences including a DC trip and STEM fests, summer programming, alumni weekends, staffing priorities, and student assemblies. Board members asked questions about food services, vape detection systems, the electric bus grant, and high school graduation times.

Items reported out:

Academic Committee Meeting – April 9th – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Governance Committee Meeting – April 9th – 5:15 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Finance Committee Meeting – April 10th – 4:45 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Board Meeting – April 22nd – 5:30 pm at the InspireNOLA Network Office.

Each Board member will complete the annual CEO Evaluation by Thursday, March 28th.

Tier III Financial disclosures must be individually submitted to the state by Wednesday, May 15th.

There being no further business, M. Roberts made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by S. Boyard. Motion was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.