ADVOCATES FOR INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS, INC.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
8550 Curran Boulevard
New Orleans, Louisiana
5:30 p.m.
November 4, 2019

MINUTES

Attending:
Barbara Major, President
Stephen Goodly, Vice President
Cheryl Beaco, Secretary
Debra Adams, Member
Marcia McWilliams, Member

Absent:
Ora Wiley, Treasurer
Melissa Johnson, Member

Staff:
Terri Williams, Principal
Cynthia Horne, Administrative Secretary
L'Tanya Randolph Bruno
Alvin Hutton, Teacher

Consultants:
Willie Zanders, Attorney
Roslyn J. Smith, Consultant
Melvin Davis, SFO

Guest: Ashley Dennis, Parent Board Nominee

I. Call to Order
A quorum was established. Vice President Stephen Goodly called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda
Debra Adams made a motion to accept the Agenda. Marcia seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes from October 7, 2019
Debra Adams made a motion to accept the Minutes from the October 7, 2019 meeting. Marcia seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

IV. Old Business and/or Action Items
1. Election of New Board Member
3. Federal and State Grant Reimbursements
   a. Austin Sonnier, Title I Coach, was not able to attend the meeting. Ms. L'Tanya Randolph Bruno reported on federal grant progress.

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4. Principal’s Report
   Ms. Tarynesa Williams presented a written report detailing the following items:
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   b. BENOLA funders will continue to partner with Moton’s administrative team.
   c. Steps for a School Expansion Plan were begun with the “Bring a Friend Initiative.”
   d. Moton’s Facebook page has debuted.
   e. An Invitation to the Family Thanksgiving Feast was announced.

VI. Standing Committee Reports
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      Debra Adams, Chair, noted there was no written Academic Committee Report this month.

   b. Facility
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   c. Finance Committee
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membership in either one or both of these professional groups. Three Board members will attend the state conference on December 6, 2019.

- A policy for Title IX was presented by Mr. Zanders to move from our accepted procedures to a required policy statement. The vote was unanimous and President Major signed the policy statement, effective November 5, 2019.

VII. Executive Session
Mr. Goodly made a motion to enter Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. Ms. McWilliams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Discussion of two individuals occurred.

The meeting reconvened at 7:37 p.m. Mr. Goodly made the motion, which was seconded by Ms. Adams before unanimous approval.

a. Personnel
Employee A will have overtime pay applied to insurance repayment and salary reimbursements. The employee must sign the agreement first. Mr. Goodly made the motion, which was seconded Ms. by Adams before unanimous approval.

Employee B will have a due process hearing regarding discipline. The Board agreed to have the Attorney move forward with the due process hearing within two weeks. Ms. McWilliams made the motion and Cheryl Beaco seconded it. The motion was approved unanimously.

Employee C will use overtime earnings to repay the school $1,310 for overpayment is salary and $6,400 for insurance repayment. The employee must sign the agreement first. Mr. Goodly made the motion, which was seconded Ms. by Adams before unanimous approval.

VIII. Adjournment
At 7:40 p.m. President Major made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Beaco and approved unanimously.

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Secretary

12-9-2019

Date
ADVOCATES FOR INNOVATIVE SCHOOLS, INC.
d/b/a ROBERT RUSSA MOTON CHARTER SCHOOL

BOARD RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY MOTON’S RESERVE FUND

BACKGROUND

A. Advocates for Innovative Schools, Inc. d/b/a Robert Russa Moton Charter School is a non-profit corporation operating under the laws of the State of Louisiana.

B. On May 23, 2019, Ms. Katherine Phelan, Executive Director of Financial Compliance for NOLA Public Schools, requested a copy of Board Resolution regarding Note 9, page 11 of Moton’s fiscal 18 audit report. The audit implied that $2 million had been reserved in fiscal 18 for “future anticipated facility move, facility maintenance and repairs, archiving of historical information, purchase of major capital equipment and other contingencies.”

C. Subsequently CFO Melvin Davis advised Ms. Phelan that the “Reserve Fund” had been accumulated over many years and not in fiscal 18. The Board attorney conveyed the same information to Ms. Phelan ---with the understanding that Moton’s Board of Directors would formally clarify the matter.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT retroactive to June 30, 2019, the Board rescinds its previous designation of Net Assets in the amount of $2,000,000 and Net Assets are considered “Net Assets without Donor Restrictions”, until such time the Board designates or establishes assets as “Reserve Funds”.

Approved and signed at an official meeting of the Board of Directors on this day, December 2, 2019, New Orleans, Louisiana.

BARBARA CRAIN-MAJOR
BOARD PRESIDENT