

RISE PREP MAYORAL ACADEMY

MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 10, 2015 6:00 P.M.
1 Social Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Paulette Hamilton. In addition to Ms. Hamilton, the directors present were John Gregory, Chris Gruttadauria, Donna Stone and Raymond Leveille.

MINUTES

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, moved to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2015 meeting. The motion carried as follows: AYE: GREGORY, HAMILTON; NAY: NONE; ABSTAIN: GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, LEVEILLE

Ms. Baldelli-Hunt arrived after the minutes were approved at 6:07 p.m.

NEW BOARD MEMBER

Raymond Leveille joined as a new board member and provided a personal introduction.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Ms. Murphy reported that the school has had a successful first few weeks of operation. There are currently 48 scholars attending the school, drawing as follows: Woonsocket 41, Providence 1, North Smithfield 5, Burrillville 1. Enrollment is still available for North Smithfield and Burrillville scholars. Scholar attendance has been good at 98%. Staff attendance for the year has been 100% to date. Ms. Murphy reviewed the academic programs, overview of the curriculum and the assessment of scholars last week. The school has partnered with the local YMCA to utilize their playground and gym for the scholars. The school has also partnered with Blackstone Valley Prep to share a physical education teacher. Ms. Murphy also reported that RISE Prep will look to backfill 3 kindergarten classes and 3 first grade classes in 2016-2017 academic year, with the lottery being held March 1, 2016.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hamilton thanked the board members for their commitment and support of the school. Ms. Baldelli-Hunt also thanked Councilman Beauchamp for his support.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED BUDGET

Ms. Murphy presented the revised FY 2016 budget. The budget was revised to more accurately reflect the number of scholars attending this year and will be based on 50. Ms. Murphy reported that the school is in regular contact with the local school departments to report any increases or decreases in scholars. To compensate for the reduction in revenue, Ms. Murphy reported that the school will split staff members with Blackstone Valley Prep as well as eliminate positions that are no longer needed due to the reduction. RISE Prep will look to increase fundraising in FY 2016 to continue to balance the budget.

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to approve the revised budget. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

CONSIDERATION OF TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

Ms. Murphy presented the RISE Prep Transportation Policy to the board. The policy is to clarify pick-up and drop-off procedures for scholars. Ms. Murphy reported that the school will continue to utilize bus depots for scholar pick-up and drop-off, with exceptions made for documented conditions.

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to approve the transportation policy. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

PUBLIC FORUM

A parent of a child attending RISE Prep expressed his thanks, appreciation to the board for the work done to open the school. He also shared the enthusiasm that his child has had in attending classes at RISE Prep.

STATUS OF 1 SOCIAL STREET

Ms. Murphy reported that due to work in other areas of the building, the current location of the school is open with a temporary Certificate of Occupancy (C.O.). Ms. Murphy has confirmed with the landlord that all work will be complete by the September 30, 2015 deadline. Ms. Murphy also reported that they are in the process of designing and ordering a new sign for the front of the building.

STATUS OF LITIGATION

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 42-46-5(2) to go into Executive Session to discuss current litigation. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

* * * EXECUTIVE SESSION * * *

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to leave executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Ms. Stone, moved to seal the minutes of the executive session. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Gruttadauria, moved to adjourn. The motion carried as follows: AYE: BALDELLI-HUNT, GREGORY, GRUTTADAURIA, STONE, HAMILTON, LEVEILLE; NAY: NONE

Chair Hamilton declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Gruttadauria
Secretary of the Board