

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

March 23, 2017

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Dave Ryan (Board Member)
Sheldon Cutler (Board Member)
Owana Miller (Board Member)
Janet Venecz (Board Member)
Lori Lambert (Board Member)
Mira Projovic (Teacher Board Member)
Gabe Nava (Student Board Member)
Gus Lopez (Board Member)
Heather Garay (Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Dennis Small (Business Manager)
Arthur Young (Dean of Students)

Not in Attendance:

Howard Cohen (Board Member)
Mark McLaughlin (Board Member)
Anne Herbert (Board Member)
Ross Smith (IT Director)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve January 2017 meeting minutes* — Sheldon Cutler motioned; seconded by Dave Ryan. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to approve January Finance Report* — Sheldon Cutler motioned; seconded by Owana Miller. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to approve 2017-18 school budget*— Sheldon Cutler motioned; seconded by Dave Ryan. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to approve Eric Speer as Athletic Director position for 2017-18* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Lori Lambert. All in favor motion approved 11-0.
- *Motion to adjourn*- Sheldon Cutler motioned; seconded by Dave Ryan. All in favor approved 11-0.

New Correspondence

- None

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

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- **Finance Committee-** Committee met & went over projections for next year. Sheldon Cutler reported that everything looked great & well organized. Heather Garay said she has an upcoming lunch meeting with Mary Land from First Midwest Bank to discuss bank fees.
- **Fundraising Committee-** Dave Ryan reported that the committee met & they are all set for the fundraiser on April 21st. Donations are currently at \$1750. The evening will begin at 5:30pm with wine & cheese being served at the Lakeshore Chamber, followed by a talent show at the school. Tickets should be printed & available next week.
- **Personnel Committee-** Kris Sakelaris asked the committee to begin discussions for Dr. Egan's upcoming evaluation. She's wondering if they should go through a survey monkey rather than a paper copy to collect data.

Discussion Notes

- Dennis Small went over the proposed 2017-18 budget. Proposed budget included in the minutes.
- Kris Sakelaris would like Sheldon Cutler to organize a committee to create a Board policy manual. Kris asked 2 other board members going the committee. Gus Lopez volunteered & Kris volunteered Mark McLaughlin. Anyone else interested in volunteering is encouraged to contact Sheldon.
- Lori Lambert brought up the topic of school lunches. Dr. Egan explained the ongoing problem HAST faces when it comes to lunches. Every year he asks for bids from various companies. This last year we only received 1 bid. The cafeteria is not equipped to make food & we are too small to attract many interested vendors.
- The Board retreat is April 13th from 9am to 3pm at Lost Marsh. Board members will receive a survey monkey tomorrow. Kris Sakelaris has invited Calumet College to join us for lunch. Members will also be receiving an agenda soon.

Board Financial Inquiries

- Sheldon Cutler would like an update on the collection process on outstanding fees for the next meeting.

New Business

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Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.