

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

July 13, 2017

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Dave Ryan (Board Member)
Mark McLaughlin (Board Member)
Lori Lambert (Board Member)
Gus Lopez (Board Member)
Heather Garay (Board Member)
Mira Projovic (Teacher Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Dennis Small (Business Manager)

Not in Attendance:

Owana Miller (Board Member)
Janet Venecz (Board Member)
Anne Herbert (Board Member)
Ross Smith (IT Director)
Arthur Young (Dean of Students)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve May 2017 meeting minutes* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Gus Lopez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve May Finance Report* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Gus Lopez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve June Finance Report* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Lori Lambert. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve Monica Rubio & Marty Weilgos as new HAST board members* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Heather Garay. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve amended Board of Directors By-Laws, including Resolution No. 2017-01* — Gus Lopez motioned; seconded by Dave Ryan. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve Anna Kaniewski (Math 9), Lindsey McDermott (ELA 9), Byron Clark (Math 8), Monieke Broom (Business/Finance Education) & Richard Wood (Science 9) as new teachers for the 2017-18 school year* — Lori Lambert motioned; seconded by Gus Lopez. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to adjourn-* Mark McLaughlin motioned; seconded by Lori Lambert. All in favor approved 7-0.

New Correspondence

- Kris Sakelaris received an application from Monica Rubio from First Midwest Bank for the board member position vacated by Sheldon Cutler.

School Leader Report

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** With the departure of Sheldon Cutler, Kris Sakelaris asked Heather Garay to chair the committee moving forward. Dr. Egan has asked that the new committee discuss & make a priority the teacher compensation proposal submitted by teacher Adam Erler in the spring.
- **Fundraising Committee-** With the departure of Howard Cohen, Kris Sakelaris asked Dave Ryan to chair the committee moving forward.
- **Personnel Committee-** Mark McLaughlin is still trying to get in touch with student board representative Daliz Suarez. Also, Kris Sakelaris said all the completed responses for Dr. Egan's evaluation have been received & she will be scheduling the evaluation with Mark McLaughlin for the upcoming month.

Discussion Notes

- New incoming board members are Monica Rubio from First Midwest Bank & Marty Weilgos, manager of the Hammond Sanitation District. Marty is a returning HAST board member.
- Kris Sakelaris gave board members of a new Monthly Involvement Report to complete. She would like to institute a new quarterly newsletter to staff. To help her gather information, she asked members to complete a form for the months of June/July. She will include a copy every month in the electronic packets sent to board members prior to the monthly meeting & asks that they bring a completed form to the meetings. Dr. Egan will have a senior intern working with him this year & offered her assistance to Kris in this endeavor.
- Kevin Smith sent members 2 documents for consideration & vote:
 - Fourth Amended Code of By-Laws
 - Resolution No. 2017-01
- Kris Sakelaris & Dave Ryan will meet the staff for their annual pre-school year meeting on Wednesday Aug. 2nd at 8 am during the staff breakfast Dr. Egan caters every year. She encourages other board members to attend as well.
- Heather Garay would like to inform new teachers of the Hammond Education Organizations annual New Teacher Breakfast. In addition to the breakfast, the organization offers various grants for new teachers. As soon as she gets the date & time, she will share that with Dr. Egan.
- The next board meeting will be Thursday Aug. 17th at 4pm.

Board Financial Inquiries

- From the May financial reports:
 - \$57,698.26 to Apple INC for lease payments on the new iPads purchased for the upcoming school year. This cost covered by a technology grant.
 - \$39,257.55 to TC Networks, INC for wireless/firewall upgrade for the new iPads. This cost covered by a technology grant.
 - \$30 to Commercial Food Systems INC for a new breakfast sign. The sign was required by the state because the school offers breakfast now as well as lunch.
- Dennis Small reported he will be installing a new policy this school year where he will no longer accept checks for student balances during the last 2 weeks of school. Parents & students will need to pay outstanding fees with cash. Gus Lopez inquired if the school has thought about setting up a way to accept credit/debit cards. Kris Sakelaris said she will ask Monica Rubio to do a cost/benefit analysis on the idea at the next board meeting. Lori Lambert asked if there was a way to set up a pay portal on the school website for parents to use to pay fees. She thinks the convenience of paying on line will help parents with multiple students.

New Business

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

•

Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 4:59 p.m.