

Sojourner Truth Academy

Special Board Meeting Minutes

August 14th, 2018

1) Call to order

- a) Kelly Vega called to order a scheduled meeting of the Sojourner Truth Academy School Board meeting at 10:05 a.m. on August 14th, 2018 in STA's conference room.
- b) Meghan Bridges conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:
Members: Judy Hinck, Meghan Bridges, Gina Privratsky, Kelly Vega, and Mark Peterson
Ex-Officio: Troy Kipper, Julie Guy
Guests: Bobby Procaccini
Absent: Laquanda Childs, Shirene Taylor

2) Action Items

- a) Approval of Agenda
**Mark Peterson made a motion to approve the agenda, Gina Privratsky 2nd the motion – Motion was passed without objection.
- b) Review and approval of June minutes.
**Meghan Bridges made a motion to approve the May minutes, Kelly 2nd motion - Motion was passed without objection.
- c) Financials
 - STA is being paid on an ADM of 399.4
 - Total revenue stands at 81% of the budget; expenditures are at 96% of the budget with 100% of the year completed.
 - Under budget on most expenses
 - Enrollment 384 including PreK
 - Budgeted 399
 - Below enrollment
 - The school continues to have a healthy cash flow balance
 - A lot of money is owed to the school from holdbacks. (\$640,000)
 - 85% of state revenue

** Gina Privratsky motioned to approve the June and July financials. Meghan Bridges 2nd motion – Motion passed without objection.
- d) Board Make Up
 - Decision on moving from teacher majority to teacher, parent, community member lead
 - Communicating to staff decisions around teacher majority to community/parent lead
 - Teacher majority, one parent, two community members
 - Parent replacements due to absent members

** Gina Privratsky motioned to approve the board make up. Judy Hinks 2nd motion—motion passed without objection

- e) Playground Update
 - Playground safety audit conducted June 25, 2018
 - Slide installation
 - Safety surfacing
 - Gaga Pit
 - ** Mark Peterson motioned to approve the installation of the Gaga Pit. Gina Privratsky 2nd motion—motion passed without objection

- f) Contract Extension Amendment
 - extension and renewal based on meeting of academic and nonacademic goals after 2 years in extension
 - ** Mark Peterson motioned to approve the contract extension. Meghan Bridges 2nd motion—motion passed without objection

- g) Crisis Go
 - all calls for emergencies have been difficult to hear by scholars and staff
 - app that puts out notice for emergencies
 - low cost: under \$2,400
 - ** Mark Peterson motioned to approve the contract extension. Judy Hinck 2nd motion—motion passed without objection

3) **Non-Action Items**

- a) Public Comment
 - No comment made

- b) 2018-2019 Board Meeting Dates
 - August 14
 - September 18
 - October 16
 - November 27
 - December 18
 - January 22
 - February 26
 - March 26
 - April 16
 - May 14

- c) Pathway II Funding
 - Approved funding (\$14,000)
 - Application process

- d) PUC Correspondence
 - Concerns with compliance with:
 - Calendar of standardized tests
 - Application link for MN healthcare programs
 - Board information
 - Annual report
 - Areas addressed on website
 - Epicenter Information
 - Updated Epicenter users

- e) Board Training
 - Course options through MN Association of Charter Schools
 - On site board training options
 - Board members attend different options
- f) Staff Evaluations
 - Committee working on new evaluations
 - Will be completed by October 1st
- g) Water Testing Report and Response
 - Two sinks have minimal presence of lead
 - Reporting to stake holders
 - Sinks not in use

4) **New Business**

- a) Segregation lawsuit moving forward—students of color in Minneapolis and St. Paul not receiving adequate education

5) **Adjournment**

Kelly Vega adjourned the meeting at 11:23 a.m.

Next meeting: September 18th , 2018 at 7:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by: Meghan Bridges