

**Crescent Leadership Academy
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 20, 2013
4:30 pm @ Crescent Leadership Academy
4300 Almonaster Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70126**

Board Members:

Present: Marlin Ford, Anthony Doty, Helen "Ginger" Berrigan, Maurice Lightfoot, Kevin Maney and Jim Letten (via phone)

Absent: Allison Albert

Others Present:

Tracy Joseph, CLA Superintendent/ ROP Education Director

Chauncey Nash, CLA Principal

CJ Bower, ROP CFO

Nancey Carter, ROP Education Business Manager

Summer Suleiman, reporter from *The Lens*

Proceedings:**I. Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 4:34 (CST) by Judge Berrigan.

II. Approval of May Agenda

Judge Berrigan moved to approve the Agenda; Maurice Lightfoot 2nd the motion. Agenda approved.

III. Approval of May Meeting Minutes

Kevin Mahaney made the motion to approve the May 21, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes; Judge Berrigan 2nd the motion; all in favor, so moved to approve May Meeting Minutes.

IV. ESP Reports**a. Type 5 Charter Progress Report – Chauncey Nash/Tracy Joseph**

Dr. Nash indicated the school is in good standing and met all the academic requirements for the year. Closed out the year on 6/7. ADA count at 36, with 20 middle school students and 16 high school students.

On 5/31, five students graduated, with three already accepted to college. Two additional students scheduled to graduate in July.

Summer school is in session and will run through June 27th.

Renegotiating with Teach for America for teachers. Staffing is in good standing for next year and as it relates to the Type 5 Charter requirements with 25 classified employees.

b. Financial Report –CJ Bower

Balance Sheet: Large accounts receivable is primarily the i3 Grant. Ms. Bower has worked with the i3 Grant staff and is expecting three months of funding to be released on 7/25. Ms. Bower has a conference call with Beth at i3 to recoup the \$60K outstanding that is remaining. ROP has advanced the money to CLA until the i3 monies are released. Monies are for the SPED Coordinator Salary.

Balance sheet is the same for the month.

Earnings are \$89K, about \$30K off the mark. Prior year budget will roll over and be adjusted up or down based on enrollment.

Ms. Bower negotiated with RSD to receive more money for expulsion students, an additional \$36 per day. RSD currently refunds \$44 per student per day.

Jim Letten asked if there is any issue with not receiving funds for A/R. Ms. Bower indicated that with schools, there are rarely uncollectibles, they are less than ½%.

A public budget hearing will also be posted for public review of next year's budget; Board agreed on proposed date of Tuesday, 8/20/13 @5:30pm. Judge Berrigan made a motion to approve the 2013/2014 budget; Maurice Lightfoot 2nd the motion; all in favor, so approved. Management company will post the notice for the public review in the local New Orleans paper.

c. Activities Calendar- Dr. Chauncey Nash

Teachers are back to school on 7/29 and will go through their professional development training. Jim Letten will also be setting up a Mock Trial for students once the school year starts.

d. Executive Report – Tracy Joseph

Ms. Joseph discussed a potential partnership with MSchool who will work with students and bring in tablets or go to where the students are for Math assistance. About 40-60 students will be involved in this opportunity.

Currently, repairs are being done to get facility ready for staff and students. SmartBoards are being installed in several of the classrooms.

Four staff have been transitioned out based on the high accountability that teachers are held to. Students need to have high quality educators that are the right people for the culture and expectations of the school. A professional development plan is also in the works, with the potential to have staff go to ROP for a week for training.

V. Board Updates

Kevin Maney and Allison Albert were approved as new board members. A motion was made for Judge Berrigan to serve as President of the Board, Marlin Ford as Vice President, Kevin Maney as Secretary and Allison Albert as Treasurer. All board members were in favor of the designations, so approved.

VI. Follow up Items

a. Fundraising Discussion

Potential fundraising activities will be discussed during the next board meeting.

VII. New Business

No new business to discuss.

VIII. Public Comment

No comments made by the public.

Judge Berrigan moved to adjourn the meeting, Marlin Ford 2nd the motion; all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM CST. The next meeting is Tuesday, 7/16/13 and available by Webex.

Minutes scribed by Nancey Carter for Judge Helen Berrigan.

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