

**Steel City Academy
Board Meeting
July 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.
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MeetMe ID: 3216 6669
OR
Steel City Academy Building
2650 West 35th Street
Gary, Indiana**

Board Members:

Chair: Hilary Lewis

Vice Chair: Julianne Boulware

Treasurer: Katherine Pohlkamp

Secretary: Rose Joiner

Members: David Fischer, Odis Richardson, Erica Thompson, Mike Hines

Attending in person: Hilary Lewis, Julianne Boulware, Katherine Pohlkamp, Rose Joiner, Odis Richardson

Attending via telephone: Erica Thompson Hines, Mike Hines

Also In attendance: Chrissy Hart

Not in attendance: David Fischer

Minutes

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:03

Review & Approval of Minutes: Katherine motioned to approved the minutes. Rose seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Executive Director Report: The executive director's report was presented to the board. It included updates on development status, facility progress, staff recruitment, student recruitment, and upcoming events.

Working Group Updates:

Finance – The PCSP grant was approved for \$220,000 instead of the anticipated \$270,000. The State Board of Education approved a loan for \$1,000,000. The IFF loan was closed June 20.

Development – Mike updated the board that there were 21 new donors in June and July. The group is reevaluating the fundraising goal for the year.

Education – Erica gave updates on the Advisory, discipline training and code of conduct work that has been taking place.

Governance – Hilary gave an overview of Shelbie Byers background for the board and cultivation process.

Vendor Approval Chrissy gave an overview of the food service provider process. Four bids were received. The recommendation was made to go with Just a Dash Catering Odis made a recommendation to approve the recommendation. Katherine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Loan Acceptance from SBOE Based on the David's recommendation, Steel City applied for a loan of \$1.4 M from the State Board of Education. The State Board approved a loan amount of \$1 M. The terms of

the loan are 1% interest over 10 years, with repayment beginning in January 2018. Katherine made a motion to accept the loan. Erica seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Enrollment Discussion The enrollment target is 160 students with 80 in 7th grade and 80 in 9th grade. To date, 91 students have applied. Based on budget projections, 135 students are needed to not cut any teachers. 146 students would affect our surplus but would not require cuts. School starts on August 18 with official count day on September 16. It was recommended that an update be given to the finance committee on August 5 to determine whether budget adjustments would need to be made.

Meeting dates for Upcoming Year The board established meeting on the first Monday of every other month for 2016-2017, with an exception made for Labor Day and the day after New Year's Day. The meeting dates are:

September 12, 2016

March 6, 2017

November 7, 2016

May 8, 2017

January 9, 2017

Executive Session The board approved Chrissy Hart's continued role as Executive Director with an offer letter in accordance with the FY 17 budget.

Adjournment: Katherine motions to adjourn at 8:50. Odis seconds. Motion passes unanimously.