

KIPP New Orleans Schools- Board Meeting Minutes: June 14, 2018

A public meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of KIPP New Orleans Inc. ("KNOS") was held Thursday, June 14, 2018, at the Myrtle Banks Building, 1307 Oretha Castle Haley Boulevard.

The meeting was called to order at 5:46 p.m. The following Board members were present: Sherice Clark, Stanwood Duval, Kelt Kindick, John Landrum, Drew Marsh, Florencia Polite, Larry Washington, Donnell Bailey, and Steve Usdin. Dr. Toya Barnes-Teamer arrived at 5:57pm. Larry Washington left at 6:17pm, and Vice Chair Judge Duval took over at that time.

The following Board members were absent: Jodi Aamodt and Robert Hudson

The following members of KNOS staff were present: CEO Rhonda Kalifey-Aluise, CAO Todd Purvis, COO/CFO Matt Lehigh, Managing Director of Finance Brad Rosenblat, Director of Finance Javier Cortez, Managing Director of Operations Katherine Schweighardt, Director of Advocacy Jonathan Bertsch, and Regional Office Manager Virginia Fernandez.

The following members of the public were present: Danalyn Hypolite of the OPSB and Reginald Rowe from the Seal Security Group

Mr. Washington welcomed board members, staff, and guests to the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Washington introduced a vote to approve the Board's May meeting minutes. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Marsh and seconded by Mr. Kindick. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Governance and Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Landrum presented Dr. Bruce Hurley's nomination to the KNOS Board.

Consideration of Board Nomination

Mr. Kindick called a vote for the consideration of new board member, Dr. Bruce Hurley, with unanimous support from the Committee. The vote passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Marsh presented on the financial summary of KNOS in relation to the closing of fiscal year 2018.

FY Budget Presentation

Mr. Lehigh discussed the strategies for maintaining the expected budget for FY19 despite the decreased funding per student. He outlined priorities for next year including providing excellent education to students and supporting the development of strong educators. In spite of the budget shortcomings, KIPP will continue to offer what is best for the students--the pre-K program will return, BARD Early College will continue, and there will be more athletic enrichment activities. Several new curricula will come online.

Academic Committee Report

Mr. Purvis gave a summary of the new accountability systems for school scores and how they will be interpreted.

Development Committee Report

Ms. Kalifey-Aluise stated that the members of the development committee were not present and therefore would provide an update at the next board meeting.

Strategic Planning Committee Report

Mr. Kindick discussed the importance of working closely with the OPSB in a constructive way and building relationships. He stressed the importance of continuing to focus on student recruitment during the upcoming school year.

CEO Report


Ms. Kalifey-Aluise discussed the upcoming professional development day for teachers and staff on July 12. She stated that student orientation would be August 1 through August 3 and August 6 will be the first day of school.

Judge Duval adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Virginia Fernandez

Approved by:


Larry Washington, Board President