

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

August 29, 2019

Call to Order / Roll Call

President/CEO Margaret Fortune called the meeting to order at 4:33pm. Board Secretary Michelle Grace called the roll:

Brown: present

Brown Hinds: present

Gorman: present

Loehr: absent

Watson: present

Quorum reached.

Announcement of Item to be Discussed in Closed Session

President/CEO Margaret Fortune announced the item to be discussed in Closed Session: Update on anticipated litigation – significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9; one case.

Public Comment Regarding Item to be Discussed in Closed Session

None heard.

There being no public comment, President/CEO Margaret Fortune adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 4:38 pm.

President/CEO reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 5:13pm.

Public Report on Action Taken in Closed Session

President/CEO Margaret Fortune reported that there was no action taken in Closed Session.

President/CEO Margaret Fortune led the Flag Salute.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Brown made a motion to adopt the agenda with an amendment to move the Higher Education Update to the top of the agenda.

Member Watson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE

Brown Hinds: AYE

Gorman: AYE

Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None heard.

Higher Education Update

Co-Deans Dr. Angelo Williams and Dr. Roque Neto presented an update on Higher Education. Dr. Williams shared the Higher Education enrollment figures with the Board. There were 35 Pre-Service completers in the

Summer, 2019 cohort and 7 Renewal candidates from the prior cohort. Of those 42 students, 33 have secured employment either in a Fortune School or in one of Fortune School of Education's consortium schools/districts as of August 29, 2019. Candidates have until September 30, 2019 to secure employment and formally enroll in Fortune School of Education's District Intern Program. Year 1 courses begin October 2, 2019; Year 2 courses begin September 3, 2019. There are currently 20 Year 2 District Interns serving as teachers throughout the region. Interviews are taking place for the Administrative Services Credential Program 2019 Cohort; courses begin in September 12, 2019. Dr. Neto provided an update on the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) accreditation process. Fortune School of Education earned Initial Accreditation. With this accomplishment, the Higher Education Department will begin the process to earn Regional Accreditation, with the first step being a successful application to the Bureau of Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPE). A BPPE Task Force has been established to complete this important step. The goal is to have a completed application ready for Board review in Spring, 2020.

Approve June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Member Gorman made a motion to approve the June 13, 2019 meeting minutes.

Member Brown Hinds seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE

Brown Hinds: AYE

Gorman: AYE

Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

Ratify 2019-20 Student-Parent Handbooks for Charter Schools

Chief Operating Officer Michelle Grace presented the item. All handbooks have newly designed covers for 2019-2020. Changes to the handbooks include an amendment to the hair policy for male students in accordance with the Crown Act; the addition of information on Human Trafficking as required by AB 1861 / SB 1104; the addition of information on Mental Health Services as required by AB 2022, and an amendment to the Discipline Matrix to include an additional step (develop and implement a behavioral contract to provide behavioral interventions to address misbehavior) in response to specific infractions on the matrix.

Member Watson made a motion to ratify the Student-Parent Handbooks for the charter schools.

Member Brown Hinds seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE

Brown Hinds: AYE

Gorman: AYE

Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

Approve Lease for Tecoy Porter College Prep

Chief Financial Officer Bonnie Bensen presented the item. The term sheet for Tecoy Porter College Prep was approved by the Board in August, 2018. The Sacramento County Board of Education approved the location of the school on July 9, 2019 meeting; the Sacramento Planning Commission approved the project on August 8, 2019. With those approvals, Fortune School of Education is ready to enter into a lease with Turner Impact Capital for the school to be constructed in Meadowview on the Genesis Church property. President/CEO Margaret Fortune shared with the Board that the Sacramento City Council approved a 100-bed, low barrier women and children's homeless shelter across from the new school site at its August 27, 2019 meeting which could pose unique challenges. The lease has been through full legal review. It is a long-term lease with buy-out options in years three and five. This lease is modeled after the lease between Fortune School of Education and Turner Impact Capital for William Lee College Prep.

Member Gorman made a motion to approve the lease for Tecoy Porter College Prep.

Member Watson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE

Brown Hinds: AYE

Gorman: AYE

Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

Approve 2019-20 Consolidated Applications for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School

Chief Financial Officer Bonnie Bensen presented the item. The Consolidated Application allows Fortune School of Education to apply for federal program funds. One of the application requirements is for the Board of Directors to be notified when an application is filed. For the 2019-2020 school year Fortune School of Education is applying for Title I Funds for student academic support for low-performing students, Title II Funds for recruitment, training and retention of qualified teachers and school leaders, and new this year: Title IV Funds to increase the capacity for all students to receive a well-rounded education.

Member Watson made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Consolidated Applications for Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School.

Member Brown seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE Brown Hinds: AYE Gorman: AYE Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

Approve Short Term Independent Study Policy

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy, presented the item. Chronic absenteeism is an indicator on the State’s dashboard. Currently, Fortune’s chronic absenteeism rate is approximately 22%. Through this policy a student in grades TK-8 would have the opportunity to complete assigned work within a specific time frame, stay up with their homework, the school can count the day as part of their average daily attendance, and the student would not be classified as chronically absent. This policy would allow a student twenty days over the course of an academic year to apply for short term independent study. Advanced notice is required, a short term independent study contract is required each time the policy is requested, and the Principal has the discretion to deny a short term independent study request if it is not in the best interest of the student or if the student has failed to follow the assignment requirements of the policy. The student must complete a comparable amount of work while out, the work must be turned in to the classroom teacher within a specific time frame, and the work must be reviewed and graded by the classroom teacher. Short term independent study would not be available to students during the first ten days of school during culture instruction, nor the last six weeks of school when state testing is taking place. Another strategy that will be employed to combat chronic absenteeism is to implement the Board-adopted Attendance Policy with fidelity.

Member Brown made a motion to approve the Short Term Independent Study Policy.

Member Brown Hinds seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE Brown Hinds: AYE Gorman: AYE Watson: ABSTAIN

Motion carried.

Update: Reallocation of Special Education Funds

Chief Financial Officer Bonnie Bensen presented the item. The El Dorado County Charter SELPA allocates funds to each of the Fortune School of Education charters: Hardy Brown College Prep and Fortune School. Fortune School of Education is one Charter Management Organization, and as a result, there is a process that allows the reallocation of funds between the two charters. The Board of Directors approved the reallocation resolution in June, 2019; now that the year-end books are closed, an update is being provided to the Board. Fewer students receive Special Education services at Hardy Brown College Prep than in Sacramento. \$7873 from Hardy Brown College Prep’s federal IDEA funding was reallocated from Hardy Brown College Prep to Fortune School to help cover Special Education expenses across the six Sacramento charter schools.

Approve Unaudited Actuals for 2018-19 for Rex and Margaret Fortune School of Education

Chief Financial Officer Bonnie Bensen presented the item. A one-page budget summary was provided to the Board. At second interim, it was projected that expenses would exceed revenue by \$623,000. The books are

now closed and expenses exceed revenue by \$545,000. The reduction in the projected shortfall can be partially attributed to philanthropy received. If approved by the Board, these financials will be provided to the State as the unaudited actuals for the organization.

Member Gorman made a motion to approve the Unaudited Actuals for 2018-19 for Rex and Margaret Fortune School of Education.

Member Watson seconded.

Roll call vote:

Brown: AYE

Brown Hinds: AYE

Gorman: AYE

Watson: AYE

Motion carried.

2018-19 Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Data Presentation

Matt Taylor, Director of Data, Analytics and Strategy, presented the item. Fortune School serves 83% of students who qualify for free or reduced lunch, and 89% of scholars are African American or Latino. In English Language Arts, 48% of students met standards in grades 3-8, which is 8 points of growth over the previous year. In math, 47% of students met standards in grades 3-8, which is 10 points of growth over the previous year. Three schools had double-digit growth in English Language Arts: Ephraim Williams College Prep Middle School, Hardy Brown College Prep, and William Lee College Prep. Four schools had double-digit growth in math: Alan Rowe College Prep, Fortune School, Hardy Brown College Prep, and William Lee College Prep. Hardy Brown College Prep is 19 points higher than San Bernardino County as a whole, and 11 points higher than the state in math. Fortune is 7 points higher than Sacramento County as a whole, and 6 points higher than the state in math. Science scores from spring, 2019 will not be released until January, 2020. High school students will be tested for the first time in the 2019-2020 school year.

Curriculum and Instruction Update

No report presented.

President/CEO's Report

President/CEO Margaret Fortune shared a video that aired on KCRA Channel 3 highlighting the first day of school at Fortune School and William Lee College Prep, and describing the work being done across the organization.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

Submitted by:



Board Secretary