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Minutes
9:30 a.m.

February 21, 2014

100 N. Western Avenue, Chicago IL 60612

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:35a.m.by President, Candice Jones.

II. Recognition of New Board President, Candice Jones

President Jones gave a short introduction of who she was and where she came from and what she hopes to accomplish during her leadership as Director with the Department of Juvenile Justice just to name a few:

- Fill staffing shortages with qualified personnel
- Develop and make best use of data
- Conditions of confinement
- Fill the School District Superintendent Position

III Roll Call

Present at the meeting were board members: Candice Jones, Dr. Anthony Grady, Tresa Dunbar, Carl Ellis, Donald Smoot and David Green. Others present: Acting Superintendent Gravatt, Chief General Counsel-Beth Compton and Administrative Assistant 1-Delores McKinney. Present by phone were Executive Secretary II-Josie Day and Chief of Governmental Affairs – Mary Reynolds.

IV Approval of Minutes from January 17, 2014

Motion was made by President-Jones to accept the minutes from 01-17-14 Mr. Dunbar 2nd and motion was carried.

V Superintendent's Report

Acting Superintendent Gravatt expounded on his handouts relating:

- Vacancy needs – current staff vs. staff needed

- Superintendent Gravatt will obtain a current list of all school district epars entered to date. This information will be presented in a report to the School Board during the March meeting.
- Roadmap – lists of important projects and the current status of School District 428.
- School district Report – enrollment of regular and special education youth by facility, number of graduates, GED completions, etc.

VI **Superintendent Search:**

Motion was made by Mr. Smoot to move the superintendent search for item (D) on the item list to (A) Grady seconded and the motion was carried.

The following actions were suggested at the school board meeting held on Friday February 21, 2014. The following is a list of needed actions.

- We will be conducting a nationwide search for a Superintendent of Schools.
 - Superintendent Gravatt and his staff will be obtaining a 104 job description for the position that can be electronically edited and presented to the Director and School Board members by Friday, February 28th, 2014. Each person will have until March 14th to respond with comments.
 - We will be looking into search firms to determine the costs and scope of their service. This information will be presented to the school board during the March 21st, 2014 meeting
- We are going to contact national experts to obtain advice on doing a nationwide search to fill the Superintendent position.

Motion made by Smoot to go into close session at a10:35 and seconded by Dunbar and the motion was carried.

Additional action and comments:

- The Board requested base line data to help understand the educational needs of the youth
- Director extended an invite for the board members to join her on a visit to St. Charles on 02/25/14.
- Superintendent Gravatt will collect baseline data on student performance to be presented to the School Board in March.

A motion was made to Due to delay discussion of Old Business items a, b, c and e for later discussion.

Old Business

- a. School District 428 Mission Statement
- b. School board policies
- c. ISBE School Recognition Tool
- d. Superintendent Search
- e. Update of RJ v. Bishop

Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Ellis to adjourn meeting at 11:57 a.m. Mr. Smoot seconded and motion was carried.