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BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, September 19, 2014
Time: 9:30am
Location: Aftercare Building, Conference Room, 100 N. Western, Chicago, IL 60612

Present Board Members: President, Candice Jones
Anthony Grady
James Gunnell
Tresa Dunbar
Donald Smoot
Carl Ellis
David Green

Staff: Superintendent Gloria J. Davis
Chief Legal Counsel, Beth Compton
Chief of Governmental Affairs, Mary Reynolds (by phone)
Administrative Assistant, Delores McKinney

President Candice Jones called meeting to order 9:32 am

President Report

Strategic Planning: We are working with Business and Professional People for the Public Interest (BPI) on a Strategic Plan for the Department and one of the key areas is education.

Community Dialogues: An invitation was extended to the school board to join the department when we have Community Dialogue Meetings and special events at our facilities in addition to site visits.

Hiring Process: The Department is working to introduce change to expedite the hiring process.

Committee Structures: The following committees were instituted to address key areas in the School District:
1. Policies 2. Financial 3. Curriculum and Instruction

Superintendent Report

Pearson: Met with Pearson representative, John Sonnenberg -Virtual Learning Specialist and Chenai Okammor - Account General Manager and invited them to visit all the facilities to assess the progress of the

Online Educational Enhancement (OEE). The goal is to make sure all the components of the program are functioning properly.

Board Policies: Board members (Tresa Dunbar and James Gunnell) met with DJJ staff (Mary Reynolds & Beth Compton) in May 2014 to work through the Consent Decree required revisions. The group has formed a committee to come back together to complete the process.

High School Equivalency – GED program is up and running in two of our facilities (Harrisburg & Kewanee). CMS is currently working to resolve technology and hardware issues at our other four facilities (Chicago, Pere Marquette, St. Charles and Warrenville).

Board Members had discussions concerning information they would like to review as well as be aware of for future reference. Some of the topics discussed were; Special Education, Hiring of Staff and Update on Consent Decree

Motions:

Motion made by Mr. Smoot to approve the minutes; seconded by Mr. Gunnell and motion was carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ellis to take short break at 11:45 for 10 minutes; seconded by Mr. Grady, motion was carried.

Motion made by Ms. Dunbar to form committee groups in the areas of Board Policies, Finances, Curriculum and Instruction seconded by Mr. Grady, motion carried.

Committees

Board Policies

Tresa Dunbar
James Gunnell
Gloria J. Davis
Beth Compton
Mary Reynolds

Finances

Candice Jones
Anthony Grady
Gloria J. Davis

Curriculum and Instruction

Donald Smoot
David Green
Gloria J. Davis

Adjournment

Mr. Ellis made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. seconded by Mr. Grady, motion carried.