

Monday, October 2, 2023

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (2:220)

President Joyce Dickerson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call (2:220)

The following members were present: Ms. Carlene Matthews, Ms. Aubry Crain, Ms. Yvette Black, Ms. Sharron Davis, Dr. Sylinda Musaindapo, and Ms. Joyce Dickerson. The following members were absent: Ms. Vicki Walker.

Also present were Dr. Denise Julius, Interim Superintendent, Dr. Terry O'Brien, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Leonard Hill, Director of Technology, Ms. Sheryl Coleman, Chief School Business Official, Dr. Dominique Moore, Director of Human Resources, and Dr. Sophia Jones-Redmond, Director of Student Services.

3. Presentations

Mr. Todd Hayden, District's Attorney from Robbins Schwartz, presented to the Board the role, duties and responsibilities of the Board of Education. Mr. Hayden highlighted areas in the following topics; Board Policies, Board Governance Processes, Board Purpose and Aim as established by IASB, amongst other topics.

4. Superintendent Update

1. 90-Day Transition Update- Dr. Julius and Dr. O'Brien presented to the Board a review of their first 90 days. The Interim Superintendent's broke the presentation into 3 Phases; Phase I- July 2023, Phase II- August 2023, and Phase III- September 2023. The presentation included responsibilities of each department; Business, Human Resources, Student Services, Technology. Dr. O'Brien then introduced Mr. Kennell Smith, Supervisor of C & I and Mr. Milton Leathers, Supervisor of Mathematics to discuss the Curriculum and Instruction focus as it relates to bringing up test scores and meeting instructional standards.
2. Standardized Tests Review- Next, Dr. O'Brien and Dr. Julius took a moment to introduce the differences between graded test (classroom) and standardized test (State assessments). Dr. O'Brien then walked the Board through what a percentile is and how they're determined. Dr. O'Brien informed the Board that they intend to present data using percentiles moving forward, which then lead into the presentation of some of the current test data received by Mr. Huffaker, District Assessments Coordinator.

5. Annual Board Planning Calendar Review

The Board reviewed the Annual Planning Calendar for pending, updated, and completed items for the months of September and October.

6. 2023-2024 Building Fundraisers

Dr. O'Brien presented a snapshot of current fundraisers established the building principals as well as the PTO. Dr. O'Brien is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

7. Compensation Schedule 2023-2024

Dr. O'Brien presented the 2023-2024 Compensation Schedule for the Board to review and is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

8. Hilton New Orleans Riverside-Housing for NABSE Conference

Administration recommended the Hilton New Orleans be added as a new vendor for the purchase of housing during the upcoming NABSE Conference. Administration is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

9. Young Rembrandts After School Art Program Proposal

In the absence of Dr. Burnett, administration recommended that the Young Rembrandts After School Art Program Proposal be considered for the 2023-2024 school year. Administration is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

10. District Staffing Plan

Dr. Moore presented the FY24 Staffing Plan for the Board to review.

11. Interim Principal Contract-Dr. Von Mansfield Discussion

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to table the Interim Principal Contract-Dr. Von Mansfield discussion to executive session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Davis, Ms. Black, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

12. ISBE Placement Contract-Little Dreamers

Dr. Jones-Redmond recommended the ISBE Placement for SpEd student with the Little Dreamers be considered as presented. Dr. Jones-Redmond is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

13. ISBE Placement Contract-Little Friends

Dr. Jones-Redmond recommended the ISBE Placement for SpEd student with the Little Friends be considered as presented. Dr. Jones-Redmond is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

14. New Vendor-Public Consulting Group EDPlan

Dr. Jones-Redmond presented her recommendation to upgrade the District’s Public Consulting Group EDPlan to assist with 504 Plans. Dr. Jones-Redmond is seeking approval at the October 16, 2023 Regular Business Meeting.

15. Audience Participation (2:30)

With no audience participation Ms. Davis moved and it was seconded by Ms. Black to close audience participation. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Davis, Ms. Black, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried

16. New Business

No new business to discuss.

17. Executive Session (2:200)

Dr. Musaindapo moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to go into Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Ms. Matthews, Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried at 6:10p.m.

Ms. Matthews left at 7:30p.m.

Ms. Black moved and it was seconded by Ms. Davis to adjourn the Executive Session. On roll call the following members voted aye: Dr. Musaindapo, Ms. Black, Ms. Davis, Ms. Crain, Ms. Matthews, and Ms. Dickerson. Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried at 7:40p.m.

18. Adjournment (2:200)

Ms. Crain moved and it was seconded by Dr. Musaindapo to adjourn the October 2, 2023 Work Session. On voice vote, all members present voted aye: Nays: None. Absent: Ms. Walker.

Motion Carried 7:41p.m.

Submitted by,

Joyce Dickerson, President

Aubry Crain, Secretary