



Schools for the Future Detroit

Proposed Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held April 10, 2014 at the Offices of Collins & Blaha

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:39 pm by Alice Thompson, Board President.

2. Board Members	Present	Excused Absent	Unexcused Absent
Kimberly Cockrel	X		
Carole Rich	X		
Zahra Taha	X		
Alice Thompson	X		
Pending Appointment			
Vacant Position			
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Three consecutive unexcused absences can constitute an involuntary resignation by Board action or at the discretion of Ferris State University.

Others in Attendance	Organization	Members of the Public
Mindy Britton	Authorizer - Ferris State University	None
Lee Robinson	Authorizer - Ferris State University	
Gary J. Collins	Board Legal Counsel	
Nick Huguelet	Board Legal Counsel	
Gary W. Meier	EQUITY Education Mgt. Solutions	
Stephanie Hall	EQUITY Education Mgt. Solutions	
John Carlson	EQUITY Legal Counsel	
Lisa Kilijanczyk	EQUITY Legal Counsel	

3. Approval of Agenda

It was MOVED by Rich and SUPPORTED by Taha to approve the Agenda as presented.

Vote: Ayes: 4 - All Present Nays: None

4. Public Comment

None.

5. Report of the Authorizer

4.1 Contract Update

Lee Robinson, representing the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office, indicated that at future meetings, the Field Representative assigned to the school would provide feedback at meetings. Kimberly Cockrel will serve as the Board committee member to work with Attorney Gary Collins on the preparation of the Charter Contract documents.

5. Update on Status of Planning the School Launch

Gary Meier and Stephanie Hall, representing EQUITY Education Management Solutions, provided an update on the status of the school launch. Meier introduced the update by outlining the extensive preparation completed to date to open the school, including the Ferris State University charter authorization, application for a Walton Family Foundation grant that is expected in the fall, MDE implementation funds expected for the next two years.

5.1 Building Update: The school location has been identified as 3550 John C. Lodge Freeway in Detroit, a former Detroit Public Schools facility that was recently updated and is in excellent condition, including updated mechanicals, windows, and wiring for technology. In keeping with a best practice shared model in New York City, plans are underway to co-locate the school with the Detroit Delta Preparatory Academy for Social Justice, another Michigan Future Schools-funded high school opening in Fall 2014. The facility will accommodate both schools and help with efficiencies, such as the PE teacher. As the lease cost will increase in coming years, the management and board must ensure expenses are as efficient as possible. A tour of the facility for board members will be arranged in a month or two.

The landlord’s attorney is working on the lease with a timeline to take possession in July.

5.2 and 5.3 Student Recruitment and Marketing Update: Plans are underway to launch recruitment efforts in May with a broad-based marketing strategy that will build awareness of the new school, including canvassing, materials, signage, and advertising. EQUITY is working with a consultant to arrange for and host direct recruiting efforts within K-8 schools. A website and other materials are in development. Advertising will be placed in the Michigan Chronicle Achieve Guide, in addition to other locations.

5.4 School Leader Selection Process: National job postings for the school leader position have been distributed. Applications will be reviewed and interviews are planned in late April, early May, with plans to have the school leader onboard in May.

5.5 Partnership with Education Program Provider: EQUITY has entered into a partnership agreement with the Schools for the Future National which has been very positive. Zahra Taha asked about how the change in the targeted student population would be communicated via the mission and vision. Stephanie Hall explained that the language in the vision and mission statements no longer specifically mention the school targets only at-risk students. Alice Thompson asked for clarification on describing the school’s brand. Gary Meier explained that the brand is aligned with the core principles of Michigan Future Schools, a major funder of the school launch. Using a 9-16 model based on college-going culture, college success supported by the academic program, the model has been modified over the past year to provide more seat time in 9th and 10th grades than the original design, and to increase in-person student support. There is also an increased emphasis on a strong social work support and strong wraparound services. The Board members remarked that they were pleased the school is located near the Woodbridge neighborhood, which offers many such services.

6. Consider Approval of a Follow-Up Meeting to Approve Charter Contract Terms and Conditions prior to May 1, 2014.

It was MOVED by Taha and SUPPORTED by Cockrel that the Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, April 22 at 4 pm to review and approve the Charter Contract Terms and Conditions.

Vote: Ayes: 4 - All Present Nays: None

7. Comments from the Board (Unrelated to Public Comment)

None.

8. Public Comment (related to non-agenda items)

None.

9. Correspondence

None.

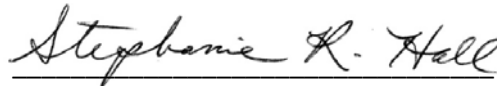
10. Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting date is Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 4 pm at the offices of EQUITY Education Management Solutions, 26400 Lahser Road, Suite 120, Southfield, MI.

11. Motion to Adjourn to Regular Meeting

It was MOVED by Taha and SUPPORTED by Rich that the Board adjourn the Regular Meeting at 8:08 pm.

Submitted on April 21, 2014 by



Stephanie Hall
Recording Secretary

Approved on _____ by

Zahra Taha
Board Secretary

Note: The Recording Secretary must sign the minutes before they are published and distributed to the appropriate individuals no later than 8 working days following the meeting. Proposed minutes will then be approved at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board and must be signed by the Board Secretary and published no more than 5 business days after the meeting at which they were approved. A copy of the both the proposed minutes and approved minutes must be sent to all board members and the Charter Schools Office within the specified 5-day time period.



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Board Resolution

**6. Approval of Follow-Up Meeting prior to May 1, 2014 Attachment A
to Approve Contract Terms and Conditions**

Whereas, An additional meeting may be necessary in order to complete the business of the Board of Directors required prior to May 1, 2014 in preparation for Michigan Department of Education approval of the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office authorization of Schools for the Future-Detroit; and

Whereas, A special meeting of the Schools for the Future Detroit Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 4 pm

MOVED by **Taha** and SUPPORTED by **Cockrel** that the Board agrees to meet on April 22, 2014 at 4 pm to complete the tasks outlined above in advance of May 1, 2014.

I hereby certify that this resolution was adopted by Schools for the Future Detroit Board of Directors at its Organizational Meeting held on April 10, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie R. Hall".

Recorded by Stephanie Hall
Recording Secretary