

DuBois Integrity Academy

Governance Board Meeting

Monday, May 21st 2018

6479 Church Street

Riverdale, Georgia 30274

Multi-purpose Room

6:30pm

MINUTES

- ✚ Roll Call (Mr. Merritt, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Culver, Dr. Chapman, Col. Morris, Attorney Mack)
- ✚ Meeting Called To Order 6:36PM
- ✚ Approval of Agenda Motioned by Dr. Chapman, 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. (Carried unanimously)
- ✚ Approval of Previous Minutes Motioned by Mr. Culver, 2nd by Mr. Mitchell.
- ✚ Financial Report The Board was provided an overview of the Financial Position document.
 1. YTD Reports The Statement of Activity YTD was outlined for the Board. Avalon went over the budget versus actual summary document. The Board requested revisions on the reports from Avalon. Mr. Merritt suggested condensing quarters on the report.
 2. Budget Development FY18 (2nd Open Hearing): The open hearing began at 7:11PM. The QBE for FY19 is 6,099,549; however, it does not include the two bills the Governor just signed which would put us at approximately 6,500,000. We estimate Federal Funds will be close to 300,000. Curriculum for the upcoming year was reviewed in detail. Mr. Merritt asked if the curriculum that was outlined covered the additional campus. Administrators answered yes. Dr. Payne discussed the benefits of adding Orton Gillingham curriculum. The Board asked the following questions: How many teachers will be trained, when will they be trained, will they get software? Dr. Payne described the teachers she projected will need to be trained for the first year and also stated that teachers will receive everything they need to fully implement the program once trained. Mr. Cason explained that the training will have to take place after the payment is negotiated. Mr. Cason asked if it could be reimbursed through Federal Funds. Dr. Worrell answered that it could possibly be put in IDEA if we are concentrating on this resource for Special Education students or Title II if we are using it for struggling students. We would need to look at we have already designated that we want to go to those budgets and see if it fits. Col. Morris asked if Playworks is for all grades. Dr. Payne answered that the administrative team is still deciding about fifth grade. Her thoughts were to include K- 4; however, we are considering all grades. The CSP grant is kept separate and Avalon has created class codes to keep it separate in the recording. The Board voted to extend the Consortium Contract. Motioned by Judge Mack 2nd by Mr. Merritt. (Carried unanimously). Open Hearing Closed 7:43PM
- ✚ Executive Director/Principal Report
 1. Testing Update Dr. Worrell explained that the GMAS testing took place on April 24 and 26th, May 1st, 3rd, and 8th for third through fifth grades. Re-Test for students who did not score On/Above level based on Reading in grades 3 and 5, and for students who scored Beginning level on math in grade 5 took place on May 21st and May 22nd. Col. Morris asked how many kids had to Re-Test at each grade level in Reading. Dr. Worrell responded: Approximately 36 3rd graders re-tested and approximately 25 5th graders re-tested in either Reading or Math.

2. **End-of-year Business** Mr. Cason updated the Board on Kindergarten and Fifth grade graduation ceremonies. Both ceremonies will be held at Divine Faith International this year.
 3. **CAM vs Long-Term Debt (term sheet)** Mr. Culver presented the OHIO National Financial Services opportunity. He presented the option of paying off CAM. Mr. Merritt discussed taking a million and using a portion to compound interest and roll it over every 90 days. The question was asked, do we need 1 million? Answer: we need to pay off CAM and we the funds for the grant which is reimbursable. Another question was, can we ask if the investor will drop the rate to 10% or 12.5% once they are fully vested? Mr. Cason answered, we will continue to try.
 4. **Audit Firm Recommendation** The Board discussed options for Auditors. The Board moved to utilize Bamboo as the Auditor. Motioned by Judge Mack 2nd by Mr. Merritt. (Carried unanimously).
 5. **Bus Purchase** Mr. Cason reviewed options for purchasing a school bus. There was an option to lease, purchase, and purchase with air. A motion was made to purchase the school bus instead of leasing. Motioned by Judge Mack 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. (1 opposed the Purchase of the Bus).
- ✚ **Fifth Grade Academy** We are in the process of getting approval from the DOE for the Fifth Grade Academy to take place in the Fountain of Faith. A meeting is scheduled for parents to visit the facility. The price for leasing the church and a bus driver was discussed. The Board discussed leasing versus purchasing a bus.
- ✚ **Old Business**
- ✚ **New Business** The CSP grant requires that we secure a place to keep technology secure. Options were discussed. A motion was made that we move to secure space to keep technology secure. Motioned by Mr. Merritt 2nd by Mr. Culver. (Carried unanimously).
1. **Approve DIA FY18 Audit Firm Selection** Motioned by Judge Mack 2nd by Mr. Merritt. (Carried unanimously)
 2. **Approve Long Term Debt Re-Structure** Motioned by Judge Mack 2nd by Mr. Merritt. (Carried unanimously)
 3. **Approve 5th Grade Academy & Bus Purchase** Motioned by Judge Mack 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. (1 opposed the Purchase of the Bus).
 4. **Approve additional lease space for Grant compliance requirements** Motioned by Mr. Merritt 2nd by Mr. Culver. (Carried unanimously).
- ✚ **Public Comments (3 minutes)** N/A
- ✚ **Executive Session (if needed)** N/A
- ✚ **Board Questions & Comments** N/A
- Motion to Adjourn** Motioned by Mr. Merritt 2nd by Mr. Mitchell. (Carried unanimously)
- ✚ **Meeting Adjourned** Meeting adjourned at 8:41PM