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87EGULAR MEETING

STARR DETROIT ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: Wednesday June 12, 2013

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Starr Detroit Academy

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MINUTES

MEETING TYPE: **Regular** Special Proposed Approved

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03p.m.

Board Member Attendance:

Jim Hall, President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Mable Jones, Vice-President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Brewster Moore, Secretary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Richard Beal, Treasurer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Verlie Ruffin, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

ARRIVED at 6:12p.m.

Other Attendees: Jeremy Vidito, Tanganikia Hopkins-O’Bey, David Beaumont, Stephanie Trotter, Ralph Burrell, Peter Webster, Teresa Pollock, and Larry Givens were also in attendance.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Dr. Mable Jones

Support: Brewster Moore

Ayes: 4 Nays: 0

IV. President’s Report

- Jim Hall commended Jeremy and staff on for school year of 2012-2013
- Jim Hall also, recognized everyone present for the dedication and hard work to making Starr Detroit Academy a success.

*Mrs. Ruffin arrived.

V. Administrator Report(s)

o **School Dashboard**

- **Enrollment & Attendance** - Present enrollment 487. Shifts are due to families moving out of state and withdrawals of students for various reasons. Numbers around gender and grade level are constant with what we’ve presented before. Drop in attendance by 80%. Yearlong average

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89%.

- **Special Education** – remains the same
 - **Free and Reduce Lunch** - shift in number of free and reduce pay. Families incorrectly filled out lunch applications. Above are target rate. Next year we are eligible to become a CEO (Community Eligibility Option) school, where all students eat breakfast, lunch and snack free thru federal program.
 - **Suspensions** - trends have risen suddenly in May but have decrease in last couple of weeks.
- **2013-2014 Enrollment Update**
 - Per Grade Level – re-enrolled 436
 - Enrolled & Applied – 889
 - Initial Goal - 662
 - **Achievement Update**
 - SDA students showed improvements on every testing cycle (fall, winter, spring) at every level.
 - SDA's students averaged 1.4 years growth in math and 1.1 years growth reading.
 - This year, 75% of SDA's Kindergarten will start 1st grade reading on grade level.

VI. Treasurer's Report

- **Financial Report** (Stephanie to give financial report)
 - Balance Sheet
 - General Fund Budget
 - Nutrition Budget
 - Bank Reconciliation
- **Budget Amendment 2012-2013**
 - SDA's has to adjust the budget based where we're actually are in terms of spending.
 - According to the state, no more than a 10% variance in any function, we can't have a deficit. After explanation, budget will be set forth.
 - **Unfavorable Variances:**
 - Federal & state grant revenue
 - Staff Salaries
 - Textbooks, and teaching supplies
 - Psychologists, Social Worker, Speech
 - Teaching Consultants
 - Food Service
 - Community Events
 - Furniture
 - Telephone
 - Property and Liability
 - Repairs and Maintenance
 - Tools and hardware
 - **Favorable Variances:**
 - Building lease
 - Contracted services – general admin
 - Academic students assessments fees

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Resolution to adopt the amended budget as presented

Motion: Richard Beal

Support: Dr. Mable Jones

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

VII. Policy Review

None

VIII. Old Business

- Finance Committee to present 2013-2014 Budget
 - **Budget Development Process**
 - Based on enrollment expectations, expenditures and Starr School Model
 - Stakeholder Engagement – shared with and input from SDA Board, Starr Commonwealth, Consultants, Staff and Parents
 - Budget Timeline – February 2013 – June 2013
 - Budget Considerations – Schools have restricted funding sources. Title I (low performing students), Title II (Professional Development), At-Risk (low performing students), IDEA (Special Education), E-rate (network wiring & infrastructure projects and communication)
 - **Budget Priorities**
 - Student Support Services
 - Instructional Programs
 - Support Staff
 - **Enrollment Targets**
 - All classrooms are being budgeted for 28 students
 - Budgeted enrollment to 784. Resolution to approve up to 840 students
 - **Budget Overview**
 - SDA received confirmation of revised grant allocations for 12-13
 - Funds will be deferred to the 2013-2014 school year.
 - **Staffing**
 - Instructional
 - Support
 - Leadership
 - Operations

Board adopt function level budget for General Fund and Nutrition Fund

Motion to approve the general fund budget resolution

Motion: Verlie Ruffin

Support: Richard Beal

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Motion to approve the Nutrition Budget

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IX. New Business

- **Enrollment Resolution** – expand the available seats to enable the management company to enroll up to the presented numbers of 840. School budget is set for 784.
- **Motion to increase our cap to (840) for the overall enrollment with approval by CMU**

Motion: Richard Beal

Support: Brewster Moore

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

X. Consent Agenda

- Modify the previous minutes to reflect that the Board did approval Darnel Myering as Auditor

Motion: Brewster Moore

Support: Dr. Mable Jones

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

XI. Extended Public Comments

- Mr. Larry Givens – it's refreshing to sit in a School Board meeting where the entire focus is on the best interest for the children.
- Mr. Ralph Burrell – He celebrates the successes and the leadership of the school

XII. Other Business

- Richard Beal - How do we close out the topic in understanding the model? CMU needs the Curriculum documents centered around the Educational Program

XIII. Adjournment

Motion: Verlie Ruffin

Support: Brewster Moore

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

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