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**REGULAR MEETING  
STARR DETROIT ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Date:** Wednesday May 08, 2013

**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Starr Detroit Academy

19360 Harper Avenue

Harper Woods, MI 48225

**MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE:       Regular       Special       **Proposed**       Approved

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:17p.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 *Arrived at 6:30PM
Verlie Ruffin, Director	<input type="checkbox"/> Present	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Absent

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

**II. Public Comment**

None

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Dr. Mable Jones

Support: Brewster Moore

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

**IV. President’s Report**

- Jim Hall commended Jeremy on a job well done at “An Evening of Art” event
- Appreciation to Richard and Brewster for work done on budget process

**V. Administrator Report(s)**

○ **School Dash Board**

- Enrollment has dropped
- Free & Reduce Meals are the same
- Demographically, looking for families in walking distance to the school

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- **Enrollment Update**
  - Target Goal - 692
  - Re-enrolled/Applied – 660
  - Enrollment today - 502
  
- **Upcoming Starr Event**
  - 5/23 Science Fair & Spring Concert (5pm – 7pm)
  - 5/24 Soccer Tournament
  - 6/6 Honors Assembly
  - 6/12 Field Day
  - 6/13 Kindergarten Promotion
  
- **HR Staffing Change** (No longer works for Management Co.)
  - Mr. Jamar Broaden (Blended Learning)
  - Mr. Raymond Ware (Custodian)
  
- **Organizational Changes** (Management Company)
  - Jeremy Vidito, Executive Director
  - Dr. Linda Paramore, Executive Vice-President
  - Ralph Burrell, CEO

Memo will be given in greater detail to explain these roles.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

**Financial Report**

Stephanie to give financial report

- Balance Sheet
- General Fund Budget
  - Has increase in the last month due to the reduction in state aid revenue
  - February student count (526), October student count (506) - \$40K reduction
  - If everything remains consistent in the next couple of months this deficit will be offset by the second round of the implantation grant and text book credit
- Nutrition Budget
  - Food Service Company is committed that SDA breaks even. They agreed to give a \$6K credit for breakfast program and also agreed to forgo June coordinator fee
- Blanket Reconciliation
- Check Registry SCES

**VII. Policy Review**

None

**VIII. Old Business**

- Finance Committee to present 2013-2014 Budget  
Richard Beal, Jeremy Vidito, Stephanie Trotter, Walter Jones Brewster Moore

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- o **Motion to adjourn Regular Board Meeting and open Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Budget**

Motion: Richard Beal

Support: Dr. Mable Jones

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**Public Hearing for the 2013-2014 Operating Budget opened at 6:51p.m.**

- o **2013-2014 Budget Reflects 700 students**
- o **Revenue from State/Federal sources based on Plante Moran best estimates of our At-Risk Title I, II and Special Education Funding**
- o **Expenditures**
  - Instructional Expenditures (Teaching Staff)**
  - Special Education**
  - Compensatory Education**
  - Pupil Support Services**
  - Instructional Staff**
  - General Administration**
  - School Administration**
  - Business**
  - Operations & Maintenance**
  - Transportation**
- o **Public Hearing closed. Regular Board Meeting in session at 7:27 p.m.**

**IX. New Business**

- o **The Achievement Network Detroit**  
Jeremy's recommendation: The Board engage in a contract with The Achievement Network. FYI: Brewster Moore's cousin works with the Achievement Network.

Motion: Richard Beal

Support: Brewster Moore

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

- o **City Year**  
Jeremy's recommendation: The Board engage in a contract with City Year  
FYI: Larry Givens sits on the Board of Directors for City Year

Motion: Brewster Moore

Support: Richard Beal

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**X. Consent Agenda**

- Meeting Minutes for April 10<sup>th</sup>, needed to reflect that the parent requested for the meeting to be held in a closed session discussion.
- CMU request that on the agenda reflect recommendations by Richard Beal on which audit firm was selected.

Motion: Brewster Moore

Support: Richard Beal

Ayes: 3      Nays: 0

Discussion on how the audit firm was selected by Richard Beal and discussion with Terri Pollack of Plante Moran, based on past dealing with charter schools, favorable feedback with the firm.

**XI. Extended Public Comments**

- MEAP booklets will be sent to Jim Hall and Jeremy Vidito

**XII. Other Business**

- Board to adopt Resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week

Motion: Richard Beal

Support: Dr. Mable Jones

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**XIII. Adjournment**

Motion: Dr. Mable Jones

Support: Richard Beal

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Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

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**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**



05/08/2013

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Board Secretary / Recording Secretary

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Date

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