

**Starr Detroit Academy**

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**PROPOSED ANNUAL**

**STARR DETROIT ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Date:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Starr Detroit Academy  
19360 Harper Avenue  
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**MINUTES**

MEETING TYPE:       Regular       Special       Proposed       Approved

**I. Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Board Member Attendance:

|                                 |   |  |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Jim Hall, President             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present | <input type="checkbox"/> Absent            |
| Dr. Mable Jones, Vice-President | <input type="checkbox"/> Present            | <input checked="" 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            |

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

**II. Public Comment**  
**None**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion: Verlie Ruffin  
Support: Brewster Moore  
Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**IV. President's Report**

- This is an Annual Board Meeting and Officers will be elected.

**V. Administrator Report(s)**

- **Enrollment Update**
  - As of 8/08, 686 students were enrolled. We are on track to meet our budgeted projection of 784. SCES reduced the Kindergarten target to 6 cohorts from 7 cohorts, while increasing 4<sup>th</sup> grade enrollment from 2 cohorts to 3 cohorts.
- **Staffing Update**
  - 4 Teaching positions open: (1) 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, (1) Special, (1) Music, (1) Foreign Language

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o **Data 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 1<sup>st</sup> grade reading on grade level.
- 15 Paraprofessionals supporting K-1
- Elective Teachers supporting 2-3 in the AM
- Ameri Corp. supporting 4-6

o **PD Update**

- Staff PD began on 8/12. The first day was spent in Albion with Starr Commonwealth executives. Three weeks of total Summer PD covering training on curriculum crafter, curriculum, assessment, and classroom setup.
- Parent Orientation: Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

- o **None**

**VII. Policy Review**

- o **Grading Policy** – grades should reflect what a student knows, not what they don't know. Designed around Marzano standard base grading approach.

**Motion to adopt the proposal on grading policy and procedure**

Motion: Verlie Ruffin

Support: Richard Beal

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**VIII. Old Business**

- **None**

**IX. New Business**

- **Motion to adopt the schools calendar and contract for our nutrition vendor for the 2013-14**
- **Motion order to keep Terri Pollick of Plante Moran as CAO (Chief Administration Officer)**

Motion: Verlie Ruffin

Support: Richard Beal

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**X. Consent Agenda**

- **Motion adopt the consent agenda**

Motion: Verlie Ruffin

Support: Brewster Moore

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

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**XI. Extended Public Comments**

- Dr. Beaumont discussed the Academic Performance Report

**XII. Other Business**

- **Motion to authorize Jim Hall to enter into negotiations with CMU pending approval with our legal counsel regarding enrollment numbers for 2013-14 school year.**

Motion: Jim Hall

Support: Verlie Ruffin

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

**XIII. Adjournment**

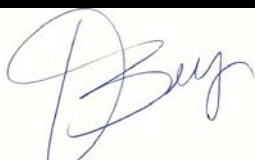
Motion: Verlie Ruffin

Support: Brewster Moore

Ayes: 4      Nays: 0

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

**MINUTES CERTIFICATION**



08/14/2013

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Board Secretary / Recording Secretary

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Date

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Board Secretary

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