

W.E.B. DUBOIS CONSORTIUM OF CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC
Consortium Corporate Office, 1980 Nonconnah Blvd., Suite 400, Memphis, TN

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Ernest Strickland at 6:18 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present

Dr. W. Herenton (CEO)
E. Strickland
T. Dawson
J. Hubbard
W. Mitchell
B. Taylor
J. White

Absent

R. McElrath
C. Carr

PUBLIC COMMENT

Read by Chairman Strickland – The public is given the opportunity to comment at the beginning of each meeting on items on the agenda, prior to discussion by the Board, and on non-agenda items. Speakers may address the Board for a maximum of three (3) minutes and groups are asked to appoint one spokesperson. Speakers must sign on the public comment form, at the door. This portion of the meeting will be limited to 30 minutes.

CEO REPORT

- REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP MOU WITH EDISON LEARNING, INC.
 - Proposed Strategic Alliance and Services Agreement Between DuBois Consortium and Edison Learning sent to Board prior to meeting for review
 - Consortium does not have a financial obligation under agreement
 - Partnership agreement expected to be strong provider in Georgia market based on Edison's history
 - Success rate in producing high school graduates
 - Marketing agreement good for Georgia market
 - W. Mitchell question regarding any preclusions in agreement
 - There are no preclusions on either side and no exclusivity
 - Agreement does prohibit use of Edison's proprietary information
 - W. Mitchell – is agreement for identity purposes

- Georgia is going to be a growth area for Charter Schools
- If legislation passes, it will be good to be a part of this group
- After discussion, CEO requested approval to enter into partnership with Edison Learning Inc.

❖ **APPROVAL OF PARTNERSHIP MOU WITH EDISON LEARNING, INC.**

Motion to approve CEO to enter into partnership with Edison Learning, Inc. as described in the Strategic Alliance and Services Agreement

Motion by: B. Taylor

Seconded by: E. Strickland

Vote: Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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Motion to approve Minutes from June 25, 2016 Board Meeting

Motion by: B. Taylor

Seconded by: J. White

Vote: Approved

CEO REPORT CONTINUED

- 2016 – 2017 BUDGET AMENDMENT
 - Enrollment increase from 1,055 to 1,255
 - 20% growth in student enrollment
 - Accordingly, BEP increase
 - Approximately \$8,188.64/student
 - Title 1 funds \$642,390.00, Capital outlay \$400,000.00
 - \$10,417,512.00
 - Use SMS to make sure that count matches actual children in seats

❖ **APPROVAL OF AMENDED 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR AMENDED BUDGET**

Motion to approve the 2016 – 2017 amended budget

Motion by: B. Taylor

Seconded by: J. White

Vote: Approved

- Discussion of recruitment and foundation of consortium as factors of increase in enrollment
- Discussion of teacher to student ratio

- The goal is always to not go over state limitations
- B. Taylor – Discussion of expenses with staffing as it pertains to enrollment. Careful to maintain a balance in staffing and enrolling new students. Example: 2 new students that require the consortium to hire a new teacher, but not enough to fill a class.
- Discussion of full curriculum in High School
 - Potential for dual enrollment, relationship with other institutions that would allow students to earn credits that would transfer to college
- Consortium can have up to 1600 students
- CEO will provide each member with a fact sheet about the school for the ribbon cutting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance committee did not meet
- Chairman would like to revisit committee assignments to ensure everyone is familiar with their assignments
 - List of assignments will be provided

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ribbon-cutting ceremony for DuBois Prep Academy of Leadership and Public Policy will be Friday, October 14, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at 8416 E. Shelby Drive

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.