



Essence Preparatory Public School
Board of Directors Meeting
July 28, 2023
Minutes

The following board members were in attendance:

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Brian Dillard

Jackie Gorman

Marques Mitchell

Henrietta Munoz

George Pedraza

Mike Frisbie

Board members not in attendance:

Kim Abernethy

Mary Gradney

Kanwal Sumnani Lopez

Staff in attendance:

Akeem Brown, CEO & Superintendent

Deja Derry, Executive Assistant

Guests (in-Person)

Denise Pierce, General Counsel, Partner SLHA

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman, **Brian Dillard** at 5:07 pm with a quorum.
2. There were no corrections made to the minutes.

The minutes were approved as presented by acclimation. (Motioned by Mike Frisbie and seconded by George Pedraza).

3. **Superintendent Brown** shared the Mission Moment: Summer RISE/Video.
4. **Superintendent Brown** provided the Superintendent's report.
5. **Crescent City Consultants** presented a briefing on new market tax credits. It was approved and **approved by acclimation** to allow the CEO to execute the presented agreement (Motioned by George Pedraza and Seconded by Mike Frisbie)
6. **Food Service Briefing** was presented by Superintendent Brown in the absence of the Director Operations; Mr. Brown presented the status of the CEP Eligibility Application and discussed the updates on Food Service contracts; An RFP has been released to seek a vendor for food services and if not responses are aligned then the school will continue its local agreement with SST.

7. Superintendent Brown asked to postpone the presentation of the Academic Dashboard due to Ms. Ricks, CLO/Principal's absence due to vacation and the fact that we will have STAAR data at that time.
8. **The board entered Executive session at 6:26; Board Chair, Dillard read the executive session statement.**
9. **Board Chair, Dillard called the general session back to order at 6:55; no action was taken in the executive session according to policy.**
10. **The Board began to provide highlights and gratitude to the CEO and expressed the action plan for next year's Superintendent Evaluation. The board voted by acclimation to adopt the resolution as presented to increase the superintendent's compensation. (Marques Mitchell Motioned, and Seconded by Mike Frisbie)**
11. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Prepared By: Deja Derry
Executive Assistant to the CEO

Submitted by: Jackie L. Gorman
Board Secretary