

**PONTIAC ACADEMY for EXCELLENCE**

**School Board Meeting**

196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

Pontiac, MI 48342

("Board Room")

**August 17, 2021 @4:30 p.m.**

**Call to Order** – M. Richardson called to order at 5:05 p.m.

**Roll Call** – L. Mason

**Present:** Mary Richardson, Dr. Payton Jackson, III and Lisa Norris (virtual)

**Absent:** None

**We have a quorum**

**Approval of Minutes for the July 27, 2021– School Board Meeting**

**21-081422** - M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve the board minutes as submitted. P. Jackson, III motioned to approve.

L. Norris seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**Public Comment**

**Dr. Dave Lewis (SVSU)**

- High school count is low
- 11 openings is concerning
- We have two HR's and we haven't had any success in filling the openings

**Ami El (Former board member)**

- S.T.E.M. Program
- Planning to be heard at future PAE board meetings
- He is a Pontiac resident and cares for the students

**1. K-12 Principal Report**

*Ms. Pamela Williams reported on the following:*

- Enrollment
- Summer Events
- Academic Update
- Oakland ISD/Math Curriculum
- Instructional Development
- Dean of Academics
- Interviewing
- 4 vacancies in elementary
- 8 vacancies in highs school
- Building update
- Preschoolers
- School Nurse
- Staff handbook
- Sports Program/volleyball for girls
- Collective team
- Fire inspection for OLHSA classes

## **2. Director of Operations Report**

*Mr. Nick Williams reported on the following:*

- Parking lot
- Marketing/Recruiting
- Isaiah Jackson/former student/NBA draft/Parade/Basketball camp
- Staggered school times

## **3. Director of Categorical Programs Report**

*Ms. Pond reported on the following:*

- ESSR funding
- RFP for technology
- Purchase of docking stations
- Tracking cameras in classroom
- Desktops

### **Information and Discussion Items (General)**

- Looking for a school leader and 2 Dean of Academics
- Two new hires and 11 openings
- Board Meetings are in person

### **Information and Discussion Items (Financials)**

Jeff Strauss

- July Financials
- State aid
- \$1.045 million fund balance
- \$382,000 in expenditures
- Balance sheet
- Intergovernmental procedures
- Prepaids
- Food services
- Liabilities
- Fund balance
- General funds
- Pupil Accounting Projective (\$589 per student)
- Original and final budget
- Excess fund balance

### **Information and Discussion Items (Board Members)**

- Updating technology.
- Preschoolers will have to comply with PAE protocols; make sure this is communicated to the parents.
- Promoting within.
- Young 5 Class.
- CSSM and their HR responsibilities.

### **Unfinished Business**

- None

### **New Business**

- Young 5 class (will place on next month's agenda)

**(A) Action Items**

**21-081423** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve the Financial Reports. P. Jackson, III motioned.  
L. Norris seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**21-081424** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to receive and accept the New Hires Report. P. Jackson, III motioned.  
L. Norris seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**21-081425** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve the Spring 2021 Board Policy Revisions. P. Jackson, III motioned.  
L. Norris seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**21-081426** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve Pamela Williams as the Interim School Leader and Spokesperson. P. Jackson, III motioned.  
L. Norris seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**Adjournment**

**21-081427** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. P. Jackson, III motioned.  
L. Norris seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

Ayes 3  
Nays 0  
Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Mary B. Richards, President  
Lisa Norris, Board Secretary

9/21/2021  
Date