

PONTIAC ACADEMY for EXCELLENCE

School Board Meeting

196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue

Pontiac, MI 48342

("Board Room")

September 21, 2021 @4:30 p.m.

Call to Order – M. Richardson called to order at 4:39 p.m.

Roll Call – L. Mason

Present: Mary Richardson, Lisa Norris (virtual) and Dr. Iris Lane

Absent: None

We have a quorum

Administer Oath of Office and sign affidavit (acceptance)

Oath of Office Performed by M. Richardson for the following Board member:

- Dr. Iris Lane

Approval of Minutes for the August 17, 2021 School Board Meeting

21-091428 - M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve the board minutes as submitted. L. Norris motioned to approve.

I. Lane seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

Approval of Minutes for the July 27, 2021 Reorganizational Meeting

21-091429 - M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve the board minutes as submitted. L. Norris motioned to approve.

I. Lane seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

Public Comment

Dr. Iris Lane (New Board Member)

- Introduced herself

Dr. Joseph Payton (New School Leader/High School Principal)

- Introduced himself

Ms. Karen Pond (PAE Compliance Officer)

- ESSR Funds (COVID dollars)
- Grants

1. School Leader & High School Principal Report

Dr. Payton Jackson reported on the following:

- Meeting with students
- All successful people have a vision
- Cultural Impact
- Vision/Mission
- Synergy
- Spirit
- Leadership
- Think Tank with high school students
- K-12 Student council
- HS Algebra for 8th graders

- Teachers should drive curriculum
- Data & Research
- Developing a committee for Covid-19
- Meeting with Davenport Re: S.T.E.M.

2. K-8 Board Report

Ms. Pamela Williams reported on the following:

- Acknowledged the collective team
- Vacancies
- Curriculum and Instruction
- Testing Coordinator
- NWEA
- Chromebooks
- Grade Level Team Meetings
- Quick Assessments
- Pre-Test Scores
- Atlas Rubricon
- Oakland Schools Meeting
- K-2 Phonics Program
- Readers Workshop
- 3-5 Grade Expectations
- PBIS/Student of the Month
- Community Partnerships
- GSRP Classes in Elementary
- Promise Zone
- Pontiac Coalition
- DHS
- Community Schools
- Student Academics
- Instructional Strategies

3. Director of Operations Report

Mr. Nick Williams reported on the following:

- Acknowledged new teachers
- Basketball camps
- Isaiah Jackson parade
- Pontiac Coalition
- Marketing/Recruiting
- Enrollment

Information and Discussion Items (General)

- New Hires Report by Patricia Kincaid
- Eight positions open
- Introduction of new PAE teachers

Information and Discussion Items (Financials)

Jeff Straus

- August Financials
- State aid
- Prepaids
- Accounts Payable
- Liabilities

Information and Discussion Items (Financials)

Jeff Straus (continued)

- 41A Funds
- Audit
- General Fund
- ESSR Funds
- Revenue
- Expenses
- Amended Budget
- Excess fund balance
- Foundational Allowance
- Food Service
- Cash Flow
- Check Register

Information and Discussion Items (Board Members)

- Mary Richardson needs to meet with Dr. Iris Lane on October 5th @2pm.
- Mary Richardson would like to meet with Dr. Payton weekly on Tuesday's @11am.
- Ms. Richardson acknowledged Mark Francis from FYI in the audience.
- Shout out to Mr. Barksdale, our new technology person.
- The board thanked everyone for stepping up during the teacher shortage.
- We need to share the COVID plan with our parents.
- Is there a plan for a curriculum team?
- Dr. Lane is impressed with the meeting and what she is hearing about PAE.
- Thank you everyone for your diligence and hard work.

Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- Young 5 class (Ms. Williams will discuss with Dr. Payton)

(A) Action Items

- 21-091430** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to approve the Financial Reports. L. Norris motioned.
I. Lane seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved
- 21-091431** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to receive and accept the New Hires Report. L. Norris motioned.
I. Lane seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

Adjournment

- 21-091432** – M. Richardson recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m. L. Norris motioned.
I. Lane seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

Ayes 3
Nays 0
Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.



Lisa Norris, Board Secretary



Date