

**PONTIAC ACADEMY for EXCELLENCE**  
**School Board Meeting**  
196 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue, Pontiac, MI. 48342  
**August 20, 2019**  
4:15 p.m.

**Call to Order** – Payton Jackson III called to order at 4:36 p.m.

**Roll Call** – Laurie Trafton

**Present:** Payton Jackson III, Art McClellan and Laurie Trafton

**Absent:** Mary Richardson,

**We have a quorum**

**Approval of Minutes for the July 16, 2019 – Re-organizational Meeting**

19-081189- Payton Jackson III recommended a motion to approve the board minutes.

A. McClellan motioned to approve.

L. Trafton seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**Approval of Minutes for the July 16, 2019 – School Board Meeting**

19-081190- Payton Jackson III recommended a motion to approve the board minutes.

L. Trafton motioned to approve.

A. McClellan seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

**Public Comment**

- **Doug Newcombe (SVSU)** – Spoke about board training in September 2019. He would still like to have board training just for our board members in the upcoming future; the board can let him know a date and time.

**A. Non-Action Items**

1. Superintendent/CAO Report

*Dr. Desmon Daniel reported on the following:*

- Marketing
- Summer Activities
- New hires
- Enrollment & Family Fun Fair
- District Academic Status
- CAO Goals
- Climate & Culture
- Professional Development
- Leadership Meetings
- PNC banking for students
- Building update (indoor & outdoor)
- Lease update
- **Point of Pride:** Thank you to SVSU

2. Elementary Principal Report

*Ms. Pamela Williams reported on the following:*

- New subs are going through the training process
  - Kindergarten orientation on August 20, 2019
  - Staff will return on August 26, 2019
3. Secondary Principal Report  
*Dr. Thursenia Jones did not report.*
4. Special Services Report  
*Ms. Chapman reported on the following:*
- New hires
  - Fully staffed
  - New Office
  - ESL Program
  - 109 students
5. Parent Involvement Report  
*Ms. Bermudez did not report.*
6. Curriculum Director Board Report  
*Ms. Pamela Williams reported on the following:*
- Discussed Curriculum

**Information and Discussion Items (General)**

- Art McClellan distributed his finance report breakdown to the board.
- CSSM meeting in the future to discuss making changes to roles and responsibilities.
- Dr. Daniel received the “2019 Men of Excellence Award”.
- Board members are invited to staff meetings per Dr. Daniel.
- School Buses (may outsource in the future) per Dr. Daniel.
- Budget will need to be amended after student count per Dr. Daniel.

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

- A. McClellan – Asked Dr. Daniel about a server and Dr. Daniel responded that PAE needed a system upgrade.
- A. McClellan – What kind of things do we do to support teachers?
- P. Jackson III – Did a walkthrough of the building and I have several concerns.
- L. Trafton – Do we provide mentors with new teachers?

**Unfinished Business**

- None.

**New Business**

- None.

**B. Action Items**

19-081191 – P. Jackson III recommended a motion to approve the Financial Reports. L. Trafton motioned.  
A. McClellan seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved


19-081192 – P. Jackson III recommended a motion to receive and accept the New Hires Report. L. Trafton motioned.  
A. McClellan seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

## Adjournment

19-081193 – P. Jackson III recommended a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. L. Trafton motioned.  
A. McClellan seconded Ayes 3 Nays 0 Approved

Ayes 3  
Nays 0  
Approved

Meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

  
Mary Richardson, President

  
Date