



BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CALL MEETING

**Merit School of Music
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

MINUTES

OPEN SESSION 5:34 P.M.

ROLL CALL	LASHONDA MILTON – BOARD SECRETARY	ABSENT/PRESENT
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Board Members:

Angela W. Richardson-Bryant - President	Present
La Shone Kelly, Vice President	Present 5:55
LaShonda Milton – Secretary/Treasurer	Present
Austin Berg	Present
Seth Harkins	Present
Renee Nash	Present 5:40

Staff:

Dr. Richard Lebron Head of School	Present
Farland Jenkins Board Administrator	Present

ROLL CALL

INTRODUCE GUESTS: Allen Wall, Board Attorney

Discussion	<p>1. Public Comments on Agenda Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Discussion & Action	<p>2. Accept Agenda</p>
Motion:	LaShonda Milton – Accept the agenda.
2 nd :	Austin Berg s
Vote:	Voice Vote - Austin Berg; Aye, Seth Harkins; Aye, LaShonda Milton; Aye, Unanimous Aye; Motion Carries.
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None.

<p>Discussion</p>	<p>3. Attendance Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new charter agreement has specific attendance provisions. • We want to be sure that management reports in accordance with the agreement. • The number of hour of daily instruction must be 5 hours per week. • We currently report a total of 1,500 minutes per week. • Attendance credit is offered in terms of weekly minutes in increments of 150 minutes. • This does not match the requirements in the charter agreement. • Management proposes changes to the attendance policy to comply with the charter requirements. • Attendance will be 300 minutes per day for 5 days per week. • Daily attendance is defined as 150 to 299 minutes is a half day and 300 minutes or more constitutes a full day. • CPS reported to CPS should be on a daily basis, not weekly. • Parents will have only 24 hours to record attendance for a particular day. • Midnight does not define the deadline for when the clock starts. • It is not clear that there is an established deadline. • There is emphasis that attendance on a daily basis for any particular day. • It is not necessarily true that each class missed constitute one half day. • According to the charter, the OLS is a 24 hour operation. • The previous process allowed minutes to be made up on weekend days, including Saturdays. • Minutes cannot be added from other days to compensate for the daily requirement for minutes. • There is a provision for the current academic year requiring 5 clock hours per day and minimum instruction of 180 days per school year. • Flexibility is a hallmark for the school. • At this point management is interpreting that students can clock hours on weekend days. • Management will get clarification from CPS to use a 7 day calendar. • CPS may be able to change IMPACT to accommodate weekend attendance input. • Half days should not be defined as one class. Students will not be docked one half day for missing a class connect session. • The tardiness provision should be eliminated. • The six hour requirement in the Learning Coach handbook will be eliminated. • CPS requires 6 periods and lunch for non-charter schools. • Some school districts add study halls. • Management is hesitant to require 6 hours for one group and 5 hours for another group. • The number of minutes in the school code is a minimum. • This will revisited on future agenda
<p>Discussion</p>	<p>4. Public Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that Renee Nash and La Shone Kelly are in attendance.

Discussion & Action	5. Adjournment
Motion:	LaShonda Milton – Adjourn.
2 nd :	Seth Harkins
Vote:	Voice Vote - Austin Berg; Aye, Seth Harkins; Aye, LaShonda Milton; Aye, La Shone Kelly; Aye, Renee Nash; Aye, Unanimous Aye; Motion Carries.
Discussion:	None.
Time:	6:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Secretary