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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, August 27, 2024 **BOARD MEETING**

VENUE: **ACADEMY OF ACCELERATED LEARNING DISTRICT OFFICE**
5300 N. Braeswood, Suite 8 Houston, Texas 77096

President Brooks called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. A quorum was established and in attendance were Board members: Mr. Tommy Brooks, Mr. Percy Creuzot, Mr. James Douglas, Mr. Isaac Ledesma. Absent: Dr. Veda Brown. Also present were Staff: Mr. Brandon Chandler (Superintendent), Ms. Serrena Johnson, Additionally attending were Counsel: Ms. Marcia Johnson and Mr. Luckett A. Johnson; Ms. Sandra Smith and Mr. Robert Pope.

President Brooks called for a moment of silence.

Mr. Percy Creuzot read the AAL Mission, Vision, and Goals.

Mr. Percy Creuzot moved and Mr. Isaac Ledesma seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the August 13th board meeting. The motion to approve the August 13th carried unanimously.

Sulema Alfaro (Parent) who has three children in AAL appeared and commented that parents were only given a voicemail that the children attending Bellfort were being temporarily bussed to Savoy Campus but parents were not given any warning of how long this bussing was going to last. Ms. Alfaro complained that the Bellfort school building lacks adequate air conditioning and is noticeably hot. Superintendent reported that the Air conditioning has been fixed. The parent had some facility acquisition questions that she would address later with administration.

The order of agenda was suspended to allow the superintendent to address the issue of facilities included in his Superintendent report.

The superintendent reported that the school had temporarily addressed the air conditioning issue at Bellfort but that the building needs to be rewired to accommodate AAL needs. Mr. Pope advised that the building was over 50 years old, was not designed for a school and would continue to have air conditioning capacity issues, especially during electrical surges and storms. Mr. Pope also advised that retrofitting the building has caused electrical overload. There will be a backup plan to support the electrical grid. President Brooks asked how long it would take to get a

generator on site in case of an emergency and Mr. Pope said about three days. Mr. Creuzot asked what the triggering effect would be for the need of a generator. Mr. Pope says it depends on the strain on the system and the fuses especially during increased heat noticing that temperatures should be getting cooler soon.

Ms. Alfaro left the meeting at 2:30pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Creuzot made and Mr. Ledesma seconded a motion to recess Open Session and open Executive Session. Motion carried unanimously and Open session recessed and executive session opened at 3:09 p.m.

President Brooks announced that the executive session was being conducted as authorized by the Texas Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code:

§ 551.071: Consultation with Board attorney regarding all matters authorized by law; and

§ 551.074: Deliberation regarding appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public school official or employee including matters regarding renewal/revisions of superintendent's contract; and

§ 551.076: Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits; and

§ 551.072: Consultation and deliberation regarding the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property as authorized by law including property leases and property acquisition.

Matters as authorized by law were discussed in executive session.

Mr. Creuzot moved to close Executive Session and resume Open Session. Mr. Ledesma seconded the Motion which carried unanimously without discussion. 3:26 pm

OPEN SESSION

I. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Superintendent Reports:
 - i. Enrollment Update
 - ii. Facility Updates
 - iii. TEA notice of approval to relocate the Chimney Rock site to Ashcroft Update
- b. Financial Reports
 - i. Financial Update Based on Enrollment

Discussion: The Superintendent reported that enrollment is down about 99 students from last year with most of the children lost from the Chimney Rock campus. On the other hand, 51 new students were enrolled as the result of the work of teachers and staff. He also provided an overview of the marketing strategies that are being used to attract additional students in the short run and over the long term.

AAL will timely vacate the Chimney Rock site, reporting that the asphalt repair is being finalized and the modular building has been loaded for transport. Armando will finish inside on Thursday of this week.

The Savoy campus has some minor problems that have been identified and a plan of action is in place. Mr. Creuzot wanted an update on the trash can fire at Savoy. Superintendent gave a breakdown of the necessary steps that were taken to fix the electricity damaged by the fire. Mr. Creuzot wanted to know if that was recoverable through insurance and the superintendent reported that a claim has been made. The board wanted to know if there is anything in our control that we can do to ensure that additional damage of this type will not occur, especially for the electrical box. Mr. Douglas requested the superintendent to determine whether the strip center will move the dumpsters at Savoy.

The Ashcroft campus has two air conditioners units that need repair.

The superintendent gave a financial report based on the current enrollment data. The reduction of funds is revenue caused by decline in enrollment is 1.3M dollars, consequently, there will be a budget amendment brought to the board at the next meeting. Ms. Sandra Smith stated that the report will include a breakdown of possible revenue reduction items that will help with the shortfall. These different items are currently being workshopped by the executive team and the best ideas will be presented to the board for discussion and execution in the next board meeting. Mr. Creuzot wanted to verify which campus the student number drop was occurring. The board would like to know what is causing the drop at each campus. The Superintendent gave a four-year snapshot of enrollment showing historical decreases. Mr. Douglas says we need to focus on positive student enrollment through different processes. Superintendent has certain marketing tools that will affect enrollment from a "boots on the ground" perspective. **President Brooks requested the Superintendent provide a written marketing plan to the board.**

ACTION ITEMS

a) Motion to approve Resolution Adopting 2024-2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.

b) Motion to approve the second Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Mr. Ledesma. Motion unanimously approved.

c) Motion to approve authorizing the superintendent to liquidate a \$1.5M CDARS into an ICS account and ratification of such action by Mr. Ledesma seconded by Mr. Creuzot. Motion unanimously approved.

d) Motion to approve the vendor Stonewall Constructors (a member of Choice Partners Cooperative) to complete the fencing project at the Savoy campus to secure the premises by Mr. Creuzot seconded by Mr. Douglas. Motion unanimously approved.

e) Motion to approve and ratify the vendor Consumer Consulting Services to complete asphalt repairs at 6025 Chimney Rock Rd., Houston, TX 77081 and the relocation of the modular building located at same address as AAL closes out the lease agreement at the location by Mr. Douglas

seconded by Mr. Creuzot. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Creuzot and seconded by Mr. Douglas to adjourn the meeting was unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.



Tommy Brooks, Board President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.

CERTIFICATE

I certify that these minutes reflect the business of the Board of Directors of the Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc. For the board meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024.



Tommy Brooks, President
Academy of Accelerated Learning, Inc.



Isaac Ledesma, Board Secretary
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