

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

September 21, 2017

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Lori Lambert (Board Member)
Gus Lopez (Board Member)
Janet Venecz (Board Member)
Marty Weilgos (Board Member)
Dave Ryan (Board Member)
Mira Projovic (Teacher Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

Dr. Sean Egan (School Leader)
Dennis Small (Business Manager)

Not in Attendance:

Heather Garay (Board Member)
Owana Miller (Board Member)
Anne Herbert (Board Member)
Monica Rubio (Board Member)
Daliz Suarez (Student Board Member)
Mark McLaughlin (Board Member)
Ross Smith (IT Director)
Arthur Young (Dean of Students)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:07 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve August 2017 meeting minutes* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Janet Venecz. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to approve August Finance Report* — Marty Weilgos motioned; seconded by Dave Ryan. All in favor motion approved 7-0.
- *Motion to adjourn-* Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Marty Weilgos. All in favor approved 7-0.

New Correspondence

- None

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Had a 2 hour meeting with the Teacher Compensation Committee. Kris Sakelaris said it was a positive meeting where both sides could discuss their issues & listen to each other. She said having them present gave the board the opportunity to show them the financials so they could see how restricted the budget is at HAST. Gus Lopez says its important to try to get the committee away from a

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'formal calculation formula' because it's difficult to forecast what the future economic picture will look like. One of the main concerns the teacher group had was what would happen when Mayor McDermott is no longer mayor & would a new mayor support the school in the same manner that Mayor McDermott has. Kevin said there's always been a commitment from the city to the school. He said the city would have to be in dire straits to end this relationship.

- **Fundraising Committee-** Did not meet. Dave Ryan will be calling a meeting shortly.
- **Personnel Committee-** Did not meet.

Discussion Notes

- Dr. Egan passed out new name badges for all board members & asked if members could wear them when representing HAST at various functions or when they visit the campus.
- Marty Weilgos thinks we need to make a BIG production out of our letter grade when it comes out publicly. HAST earned a solid B from the state of Indiana in its yearly report card for all state schools.
- Marty Weilgos would like to donate lawn care & potential plantings for the upcoming summer months.

Board Financial Inquiries

- From the August financial reports:
 - \$550 to Repairdepot for a yearly deductible on 11 iPad repairs
 - \$496 to AB Global Enterprises for CPR training for staff
 - \$25.77 to Frances Barnes for reimbursement for lunch containers
 - \$200 to ISSMA for Music program renewal membership
 - \$255 to Lee Company for a basketball rim replacement
 - \$245 to Quality Lawn Care for weed prevention on the lawn
 - \$6,825 to RSM US LLP for the new audit fee
- Dennis Small reported he has collected over 90% of all iPad insurance payments.

New Business

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Public Comment

- Theresa Hartz, HAST Music teacher, would like to propose a \$2,000 yearly stipend for the choral program.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.