

HAMMOND URBAN ACADEMY, INC.
School Board Meeting Minutes Noted

January 18, 2017

In Attendance:

Board Members:

Kris Sakelaris (Board President)
Lori Lambert (Board Member)
Owana Miller (Board Member)
Anne Herbert (Board Member)
Daliz Suarez (Student Board Member)
Heather Garay (Board Member)
Janet Venecz (Board Member)
Gus Lopez (Board Member)
Dave Ryan (Board Member)
Mira Projovic (Teacher Board Member)
Mark McLaughlin (Board Member)
Monica Rubio (Board Member)
Kevin Smith (Attorney)

School Representatives

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

Not in Attendance:

Marty Weilgos (Board Member)
Ross Smith (IT Director)
Arthur Young (Dean of Students)

Board meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m by Board President Kris Sakelaris.

Motions Approved by School Board

- *Motion to approve November 2017 meeting minutes* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve November Finance Report* — Owana Miller motioned; seconded by Heather Garay. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve Owana Miller as HAST Board member for another 3-year term* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve Janet Venecz as HAST Board member for another 3-year term* — Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve Heather Garay as Board Treasurer for the upcoming year* — Janet Venecz motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve Mira Projovic as Board Secretary for the upcoming year* — Heather Garay motioned; seconded by Anne Herbert. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve Kris Sakelaris as Board President for the upcoming year*— Dave Ryan motioned; seconded by Gus Lopez. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to approve renewing the rental agreement for Respite Care* — Gus Lopez motioned; seconded by Monica Rubio. All in favor motion approved 12-0.
- *Motion to adjourn-* Monica Rubio motioned; seconded by Owana Miller. All in favor approved 12-0.

New Correspondence

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- Kris Sakelaris received a letter from the Mayor's office requesting Owana Miller be considered for another 3-year term as a HAST Board Member.

School Leader Report

Committee Reports

- **Finance Committee-** Heather Garay reported the committee met this past Tuesday with the Teacher Compensation Committee. After a positive meeting, the teacher committee will be revising their proposal & sending a cleaned up version to the Finance Committee to review.
- **Fundraising Committee-** Committee met & made several decisions for the upcoming Talent Show/Tailgate Fundraiser:
 - Friday April 27th
 - Tailgate to begin at 5pm, Talent Show begin at 7pm
 - Looking for sponsors & donations
- **Personnel Committee-** Did not meet.

Discussion Notes

- The Mayor of Hammond fills 3 board positions & the board voted to renew 3-year terms with Owana Miller & Janet Venecz. The 3rd spot is to be filled from someone with the Hammond Development Corp. but no nominations have since been submitted. Mark McLaughlin currently holds the position but is retiring this month. Dr. Egan presented Mark with a plaque for his longtime service & collaboration with HAST & the school board.
- Dr. Egan presented the board with a contract renewal for the current summer tenet Respite Care. They use several classrooms in the school a few days a week during the summer months. The board approved the renewal & Kevin Smith has instructed Dr. Egan to simply change the dates on the new contract, since nothing else will change in the rental agreement.
- Dr. Egan presented the board with a proposal calendar for the upcoming school year. He is matching the HAST calendar closely with the school city of Hammond. He also instructed members of the upcoming changes to the school week & day for next school year. School will run Monday through Friday, 8am to 3pm, eliminating half-day Fridays. This is to accommodate the growing number of juniors & seniors who will be attending classes at the ACC.

Board Financial Inquiries

- We had our first bank fraud committed against one of our club checking accounts this past month when someone tried to cash 3 checks with amounts ranging from \$800-\$999. Dr. Egan filed a police report with Hammond police but since the checks were under \$2500, there's not much they can do.

New Business

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Public Comment

- None

Meeting Adjourned at 5:08 p.m.