# Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 17, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shirley Franklin, Greg Giornelli, Ingrid Saunders-Jones, Cheryl

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**STAFF PRESENT:** Karen Amos, Andrea Arroyo

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Erik Saunders

### CHERYL LOMAX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:33 PM WITH A QUORUM (4 OF 4)

**TOPIC:** Minutes of the April 22, 2019 Board Meeting

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Made by Ingrid Saunders-Jones to approve the April 22, 2019 minutes.

ACTION: Seconded by Greg Giornelli and carried without dissent.

**Special Topics:** None

**Standing Updates:** 

**TOPIC:** Budget & Financial Update

DISCUSSION:

- Karen Amos, Chief Financial Officer, presented highlights of the FY19 financial statements through April 30, 2019. Karen reviewed budget vs actual expenditures noting PBSA is currently tracking closely with budget.
- Greg Giornelli, Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the FY20 CEI Budget Draft.
   The FY20 CEI Budget will be presented to the CEI Board at their next meeting for approval.

**TOPIC:** Approval of 2019 – 2020 School Year Budget

**DISCUSSION:** 

Greg presented the FY20 Budget for Board approval. Atlanta Public Schools
has approved their FY20 Budget and our revenue numbers are now final.
The projected PBSA enrollment number is very conservative. There is a slight
increase over prior year in salary expenditures for annual compensation
adjustment.

MOTION: Made by Greg Giornelli to approve the FY20 Budget.

ACTION: Seconded by Ingrid Saunders-Jones and carried without dissent.

# **TOPIC:** Instructional Update

DISCUSSION:

- Greg provided an update on Purpose Built Schools Atlanta results to-date and discussed what success looks like for a turnaround school. Greg discussed leading indicators of success in turnaround schools based on turnaround school research that correlate to long-term sustainable success. Leading indicators show PBSA's 4 schools are on the right track to success. Greg closed with a reminder that everyone needs to give turnaround schools 5 7 years to prove themselves.
- Greg also provided Georgia Milestones update.

## **TOPIC:** Community Engagement Update

DISCUSSION:

- Andrea Arroyo, Director of Community Engagement, discussed this year's Summer Program in partnership with Horizons Atlanta, CREATE Teacher Residency and Teach for America serving over 300 students.
- Andrea explained the CEP Stepback shaped the decision to refocus and restructure the CEP Team to maximize programming, manage partnership relationships and focus more on development at the school level. For the 2019 – 2020 school year the Social Worker and Parent Liaison positions will move to school-based and the Family & Community Engagement positions will be eliminated.
- Andrea announced in restructuring the CEP Program, Travis Salters and Marcus Sabbs have been named as Project Managers.
- Andrea also provided a Nutrition Data Snapshot displaying the number of After School Program meals served at Thomasville and Slater.

# **TOPIC:** Communications Update

**DISCUSSION:** 

- Greg provided an update on HL Strategies. This communications agency will
  complete the refresh of PBSA's website prior to start of school. Greg advised
  that the goal of redesigning and rebooting all school websites is to increase
  social media presence. The Media Specialist role will be updated to include
  managing the school websites.
- Greg announced there are active campaigns to get 8<sup>th</sup> graders to go to Carver STEAM Academy and to get elementary 5<sup>th</sup> graders to come to Price Middle School.

#### TOPIC: BROAD FELLOW

DISCUSSION:

 Greg announced an arrangement with The Broad Center to bring on a Broad Fellow as Chief of Staff. The Broad Foundation provides financial support to hire mid-career change individuals to work with deserving organizations for 2 years. • The Broad Fellow will provide an interim solution to the Senior Leadership gap of Chief of Staff and will join the PBSA team on August 1, 2019.

# **TOPIC:** Closing Comments

**DISCUSSION:** 

- Greg talked about Carver Graduation and number of students admitted to colleges and number students that enlisted in the military. About 104 students graduated in Carver STEAM Academy Class of 2019.
- Greg announced the next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2019.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 pm and the Board moved into Executive Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Amos

Karen Amos Chief Financial Officer