

**Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc.**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2017**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karen Amos, Sean Brazier, Vinice Davis, Christina Perry, Barbara Preuss

**CHERYL LOMAX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:52 PM WITH A QUORUM (4 OF 4)**

**TOPIC: Introductions and Transitions**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Introduction of Christina Perry, Director of Community Support Program.
- Introduction of Karen Amos, Controller.
- Sean Brazier discussed his transition.

**TOPIC: Minutes of the June 19, 2017 and August 3, 2017 Board Meetings**

**DISCUSSION:** None.

**MOTION:** Made by Shirley Franklin to approve the June 19, 2017 and August 3, 2017 minutes.

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

**Special Topics:**

**TOPIC: Organizational Health**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Greg Giornelli discussed the focus of the leadership team efforts to develop PBSA's purpose, core values, and strategic anchors.
- Greg Giornelli discussed the PBSA Values Day, where 289 new staff members were on-boarded on July 18, 2017.
- Greg Giornelli discussed PBSA's 2016-2017 Results, including positive progress on out-of-school suspensions, transiency, attendance, and academic growth.

**Standing Updates:**

**TOPIC: Instruction**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Barbara Preuss reviewed 2016-2017 Georgia Milestones data (starting points for Thomasville Elementary School, Slater Elementary School, and Price Middle School as of 2017-2018).
- Barbara Preuss provided an update on current student enrollment, staff summer professional development, uniforms, and the data dashboard.

**TOPIC: Community Engagement**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Christina Perry provided an update on the Community Engagement Program, including the program's goals, staffing structure, and short-term priorities.

**TOPIC: Operations**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Ongoing discussions between PBSA and APS include potential contract amendments, security resource officers, and feeder pattern (Carver High School).
- PBSA staff determining the best method to transport students deemed homeless to and from school each day.
  - Board members suggested that PBSA staff contract with Samson Trailways, current transportation provider, to transport homeless students temporarily, until a permanent solution can be determined.

**TOPIC: Talent Management**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Board met with the candidate that is proposed to replace Sean Brazier.

**TOPIC: PBSA Financial Review and Updates**

**DISCUSSION:**

- Sean Brazier reviewed the 2016-2017 financials and reasons for variances.
- Auditors were on-site last week at PBSA. Final report expected to be completed by October 31, 2017.
- Greg Giornelli gave an update on upcoming closing on the New Market Tax Credit.
- Greg Giornelli provided a status update on potential and committed grants.

**TOPIC: Board Actions**

DISCUSSION: None.

Next meeting will be on October 23, 2017 at Price Middle School.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm. The board went into Executive Session at 2:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Vinice Davis  
Chief Operating Officer