



12/13/18

ReNEW Board Meeting -- Minutes

I. Opening Items

Stephen Rosenthal called meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Randy Roig motioned to approve 10/25/18 meeting minutes. Kathy Conklin seconded. Members voted unanimously to approve minutes.

Board members present: K. Conklin, B. Weimer, J. Marshall, R. Roig, R. Kennedy, P. Parquet, C. Castellanos, M. Clem, M. Landry, C. El-Dahr

Guests present: T. Robicheaux, S. Satchfield, T. Bryant, L. Giarratano, N. Veal, K. Saloy, (Nuestra Voz organization): G. Harris, S. Williams, J. Finkle, E. Romero, L. Canales, J. Nunez

II. Board Announcements

Mr. Rosenthal introduced Mr. C.J. El-Dahr and Ms. Monica Landry to board members.

III. Welcome Nuestra Voz (Our Voice) and Public Comment

Members of the Nuestra Voz organization introduced themselves to the Board. A Representative from the organization said the group would like ReNEW to implement a school improvement plan and that the organization would like to partner with ReNEW. Another Representative of Nuestra Voz said the organization would like to mobilize parents to support ReNEW's efforts academically.

Mr. Rosenthal noted that Tanya Bryant has a meeting scheduled with the Nuestra Voz organizational leader. Mr. Rosenthal also noted that ReNEW already has a school improvement plan in place.

IV. Nominations

A. Nomination of Mr. C.J. El-Dahr for Treasurer

Mr. Rosenthal noted that Mr. John Marshall will be leaving the Board, and thanked him for his service. Mr. Rosenthal

J. Marshall introduced motion to nominate Mr. CJ El-Dahr as Board Treasurer. Mr. Weimer seconded. Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr El-Dahr to the Board.

- B. Nomination of Ms. Monica Landry and C.J. El-Dahr to Finance Committee
Mr. Weimer introduced motion to appoint Ms. Landry and Mr. El-Dahr to the Finance Committee. Mr. Roig seconded. Board unanimously approved the motion.

V. Finance Committee Report

Mr. Marshall noted that the loss for the year is now projected at more approximately \$2 Million and that the projected end of year fund balance for ReNEW is down to 7-percent of the operating budget. Mr. Rosenthal noted issues with enrollment as a factor. Schaumburg Elementary's forced relocation due to tornado damage, enrollment has suffered. ReNew Accelerated High Schools Oct 1 enrollment was also well under projections, although enrollment is increasing. Total revenues are estimated to come in approximately \$2.1M lower than budgeted, which has been partially offset by \$800,000 of expense reductions. Ms. Tanya Bryant noted that the current forecast are based on conservative MFP projections. In addition, there are possible additional revenues or expense reductions based on the February student counts and additional reductions in the number of buses. These positive factors total in the range of \$600,000 to \$900,000 and are not included in the current forecast.

VI. Additional Updates from CEO: Testing data and dates

Ms. Bryant noted that 3-8 students are going through Benchmark Testing this week. She also noted that K-2 students are taking MAP tests. Ms. Bryant noted recent growth in literacy at Schaumburg and SciTech. She noted that ReNEW Accelerated High School students are taking end-of-semester exams before the holidays.

Ms. Bryant explained the alternative high school accountability score.

Ms. Bryant noted that the ReNEW Early Childhood Center at McNair and the SciTech early childhood program both earned recognition by the state as "Top Gains Honor Roll" programs.

VII. Ethics Training

Mr. Rosenthal reminded board members to complete ethics training by the end of the year.

VIII. Closing Items

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Weimer motioned to adjourn. Mr. Marshall seconded. Members voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted, S. Satchfield.