Wayne Preparatory Academy Board of Directors Special Called Meeting Monday, August 15, 2016, Cottage B

On Monday, August 15, 2016, the WPA Board of Directors met for a Special Called Board meeting. In attendance were Board members Sharon Thompson, L. J. Stanley, Michael Woodard, Amanda Wells, and John Ankeney. WPA Staff members Dr. Todd Forgette, WPA Managing Director; Bianca Guzman, HR; Amy Preskitt, Sonja Thomas, Amanda Maple, WPA Deans; Diane James, Beth Carr, and Nancy Henderson, WPA teacher, and Josh Preskitt, Facilities Manager were in attendance.

Welcome and Come to Order was made by Sharon Thompson, WPA Board Chairman.

Motion to Approve Agenda as Business Order of the Day was made by John Ankeney and seconded by L .J. Stanley with the addition of New Business. The motion passed unanimously.

John Ankeney made a motion to go into Closed session to discuss specific personnel issues and L. J. Stanley seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

IN CLOSED SESSION Article 33C

OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Michael Woodard made a motion to go out of Closed Session and into Open Session. The motion was seconded by Amanda Wells and passed unanimously.

The Special Called Meeting was to go over recommendations the Board made to the Employee and Student Handbooks which have to be reviewed by WPA legal counsel before they can be printed. Since this would need to take place before the next scheduled meeting, a Special Called Meeting was necessary.

Board General Agenda and Officer Reports New Business

Mrs. Thompson turned the floor over to Michael Woodard who shared with Dr. Forgette the Board's concerns regarding the process by which parents were contacted about returning scholars for the 2016-17 school year. John Ankeney added that this was important, as we have to have all our students in their seats on the first day of school to ensure we all available funding. Amanda Wells and Michael Woodard, Board parents, advised they had not received a call as well as other parents that had contacted them. Dr. Forgette shared that a team had been brought in to make the calls. The Board asked Dr. Forgette to check with the team and report at the next Board meeting his findings.

Michael Woodard and Amanda Wells discussed the addition of working toward Lighthouse status and their concerns that the school should focus this year on academics and add this process next year. Dr. Forgette and Mrs. Preskitt gave some feedback to the Board regarding this program. The Board asked that this program be presented to the Board at the next meeting for approval for this year.

Michael Woodard brought up the Ready Groups Program and allowing Mrs. Thompson to review the program before presentation to the Board since she has been familiar with the program from the start of WPA. Dr. Forgette and Mrs. Thompson will schedule a time to meet with Mr. Exum prior to the next Board meeting. The Board asked for a program overview at the next meeting.

Old Business

Fiscal Management Policy – Since attending a recent Fiscal Management meeting given by the SBE, Mrs. Thompson has recommendations for the Fiscal Management Policy that the Board needs to review. Due to time constraints at this meeting, this review is scheduled for the next Board meeting.

The Board and Dr. Forgette reviewed the Employee and Parent/Scholar Handbooks with recommended changes made. This final draft will be submitted to WPA's attorney for review prior to approval and printing.

Adjournment

With no other items to discuss, John Ankeney made a motion to adjourn. L. J. Stanley seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2016 at WPA at 5:00 p.m.

John D. Ankeney, WPA Secretary