



KIPP: DELTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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KIPP Delta, Inc. Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Date: July 20, 2010
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Place: KIPP Delta Public Schools
Helena, AR
Attendance: Chalk Mitchell, Scott Shirey, Chris Allen, Matt Colburn were present. Ginny Blankenship, Randy Zook, Brent Black, and Maisie Wright attended via video conference and conference call. Roberta Vallardo and Stephanie Pink were also in attendance. They are representatives of Southern Rural Development Center and third party evaluators from the Walton Family Foundation. They are focusing on the KIPP and its impact on the community.

I. Introduction

Mr. Black called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

II. Minutes from June Board Meeting

Mr. Black asked that the minutes from the June meeting be approved. Ms. Allen seconded the motion.

III. Board Chair Report

Mr. Mitchell discussed the advantages ADE approval waiver from monthly board meetings. Mr. Mitchell invited all members of the board to attend KIPP Summit in Las Vegas, NV for August 2-6.

IV. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Scott Shirey reported the Executive Director's report to the board. There are now four KIPP Delta Public Schools including the addition of KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory. KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory opened on July 12, 2010. KIPP Delta Elementary Literacy Academy has moved into 215 Cherry Street and KIPP Delta College Preparatory School has a new campus at 514 Missouri Street. Summer School for all KIPP Delta Public Schools began on July 12, 2010.

Mr. Shirey discussed the approved waiver to monthly board of directors meetings. Mr. Shirey stressed the board must take new responsibility with this waiver.

Mr. Shirey addressed other waivers granted the grade point average of 69 and below is now failing according to one approval waiver. The waiver approved KIPP Delta Public Schools to keep students until 4pm during the school week. KIPP Delta Public Schools was also approved to teach Algebra at the middle school level.

Mr. Scott Shirey informed the board that Mr. Sam Commella has accepted his new offer for a seat on the school board. Mark Nichols has stepped down from his position of four years on the board.

The board made an offer to Miss Diane Tatum to join the school board; however she could not accept the offer.

V. School Reports

A. Elementary Literacy Academy

Mrs. Amanda Johnson gave the KIPP Delta ELA report to the board. The start of summer school began on July 12.

KIPP Delta ELA hired three new first year Teach For America teachers and two experienced teachers. KIPP ELA hired a new counselor to the KIPP Delta Public Schools. The Elementary school has 164 students enrolled and will focus culture and structure during the summer and move to academics in the fall.

B. KIPP Delta College Preparatory

Ms. Heather Saunders gave the KIPP Delta College Preparatory report to the board. The start of summer school began on July 12. KIPP Delta College Preparatory has relocated to 514 Missouri Street. DCPS welcomes four new Teach For America teachers, Annie Fiscus, Chris Johnson, Kristen Le, and Erica Terrell.

86% of DCPS passed the Algebra I class and no students have to repeat this course. 100 % passed the Geometry course end of the year exam as well.

C. KIPP Delta Collegiate

Mr. Luke Van De Walle gave the KIPP Delta Collegiate report to the board. The start of summer school began on July 12. Mr. VanDeWalle reported Ms. Stephanie Graham will be new assistant principal starting August 16, 2010. Mr. Todd Dixon and Mr. Mike Cummins have stepped into leadership roles for the upcoming year.

D. KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory

Ms. Maisie Wright gave the KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory report to the board. KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory opened on July 12, 2010 with 62 students. Ms. Wright is hoping to gain more students in mid August for the start of school. The school is receiving great feedback and response from community.

E. New Hire List

The new hire list for KIPP Delta Public Schools was given to the board. No action was necessary.

After school reports, Mr. Black made a motion that the school leader reports be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Randy Zook. Unanimous.

VI. Central Office Reports

A. Budget

Ms. Anika Baltimore gave the financial report to the board. Ms. Baltimore addressed that 65% of unrestricted balance was in account at the end of the year in 2010. The end net loss for KIPP Delta Public Schools was 98,000 dollars. The budget for 2011 school year will be just over \$9 million dollars.

After the financial report and comprehensive school budget review, Mr. Mitchell made a motion that the report and budget be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Black. Unanimous.

B. Development Report

Ms. Ginny Blankenship gave the development report to the board. Ms. Blankenship briefly discussed the plan to fundraise more money this year. Ms. Blankenship reported to the board that the development team added a new hire, Meg Salta, graduate of

Quinnipiac University with B.A. in Psychology for the associate development position.

After the development report, Mr. Zook made a motion that the report be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Black. Unanimous.

C. Operations Report

Mr. Matt Colburn gave the operations report to the board. Mr. Colburn reported the elementary school and middle school are officially moved to the new buildings. The budget for this year is at 1.3 million dollars.

During summer storm a pipe burst in the gymnasium and damaged 70,000 dollars worth of computers. The water damaged 50 percent of the gym floor. Mr. Colburn informed the insurance company and action by insurance is underway. Mr. Colburn addressed the new lighting installed at all campuses for security reasons to prevent future vandalism.

After the operations report, Mr. Mitchell made a motion that the report be accepted. Mr. Black seconded this motion. Unanimous.

V. Action Items

A. Board Nominations/Committee Selections

Mr. Scott Shirey reported that Mr. Sam Commella accepted his position as a new member of the board of directors.

Mr. Chalk Mitchell reported committee selections for 2011 board. Mr. Chalk Mitchell nominated Mr. Randy Zook as chair and included Mr. Andre Valley, and Mr. Chalk Mitchell on the development committee. Mr. Zook accepted the nomination.

Mr. Chalk Mitchell nominated Mr. Brent Black as chair of the financial board and included Mr. Sam Commella and Mr. Chalk Mitchell as well. Mr. Black accepted the nomination.

Mr. Chalk Mitchell nominated Ms. Chris Allen as chair of the governance committee and included Mr. Ron Nurnberg, and Mr. Chalk Mitchell as well. Ms. Allen accepted the nomination.

B. Board Calendar

Mr. Shirey reported the school and board calendar for 2010-2011 school year. The State Board meeting on July 12th gave Mr. Shirey the approval waiver for quarterly board meetings. The meetings will be on **July 20th, October 19th, January 18th, and April 19th.**

C. Growth in 2011 and 2012

Mr. Shirey asked permission to submit a letter intent to KIPP National for opening an elementary school in Blytheville in 2012. Mr. Zook made a motion that the intent for growth in Blytheville be accepted. This was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Unanimous.

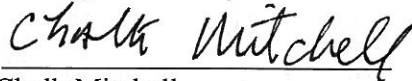
VI. Other Topics of Discussion

There were no other topics of discussion and members would bring other ideas to the next meeting.

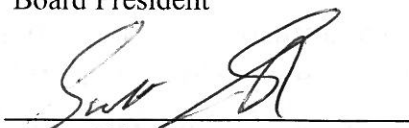
Ms. Blankenship will think up development committee assignments and email them to the Board members in preparation for the next meeting.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Chalk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shirey second. The meeting ended at 6:47 p.m.



Chalk Mitchell,
Board President



Scott Shirey,
Executive Director