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**KIPP Delta Board of Directors Meeting
April 25, 2017
Location: KIPP Forrest City College Preparatory School
Conference Line: 870-228-9000 ext. 9008 password 908**

Board Members in Attendance: Lisa John-Adams, Vince Billingsley, Robin Houseworth, Baxter Sharp, Darrin Williams, Kristen Wright present in-person; Joseph Wood, Randy Zook, Ron Nurnberg joined by conference line.

Staff & Consultants in Attendance: Scott Shirey, Janelle Jenkins, Carissa Godwin, Amy Charpentier, Charity Hallman, Stephanie Bennetts present in-person; Chintan Desai took minutes.

I. Student Expulsion Hearing

- a. Lisa John-Adams called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.
- b. Stephanie Bennetts presented the expulsion case against KIPP Delta Collegiate High School student Tanisha Carter.
- c. Tanisha's mother, Ms. Bailey, presented her case for why she did not believe Tanisha should be expelled; she claimed that a number of students have been picking on Tanisha.
- d. Tanisha presented her case and stated that she had informed teachers of acts of bullying against her.
- e. The Board asked all parties involved questions about the incidents that led to Tanisha's recommendation for expulsion.
- f. The Board entered Executive Session to decide upon Tanisha's recommended expulsion.
- g. **The Board re-convened and presented the expulsion decision on Tanisha Carter: she received a suspended expulsion for the remainder of the 2016-17 school year with academic services delivered through a homebound program.**

II. KIPP Delta State of the State

- a. Scott Shirey gave a presentation to the Board on the "State of the State," particularly with regard to the KIPP Foundation's Six Essential Questions.

III. Consent Agenda

- a. **Darrin Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Robin Houseworth seconded; the motion was approved unanimously.**

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Lisa John-Adams gave the Development Committee Report; the report was unanimously approved.
- b. Kristen Wright gave the Governance & Nominating Committee Report; the report was unanimously approved.
- c. Scott Shirey did not give the Legislative Committee Report; he said an update on recent legislative victories would be given later in the meeting.
- d. Vince Billingsley gave the Finance Committee Report; the report was unanimously approved.

V. Financial Policies

- a. Charity Hallman gave a presentation on proposed updates to the region's financial policies.

- b. **Darrin Williams motioned for approval of the policies with clarifications that procurement dollar values are to encompass all contract terms; Robin Houseworth**

seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

VI. KIPP Delta Growth

- a. Scott Shirey gave a presentation on future KIPP Delta growth.
- b. KIPP Delta Board members gave feedback on the proposed growth plan that recommended further growth in Blytheville and a current halt on investing in a high school in Forrest City. The Board asked staff to present a communication plan for families in Forrest City on the topic of not investing in a high school at the present.

VII. New Market Tax Credits

- a. Charity Hallman gave a presentation on new market tax credits, a finance strategy the region is currently contemplating; Mary Elizabeth Evans and Richard Campbell from the Hope Enterprise Corporation co-presented on the topic.
- b. The Board asked staff and the presenters from Hope several questions about how the process works.
- c. **Vince Billingsley made a motion to move forward with new market tax credits as stated in the draft resolution provided in the Board packet; Baxter Sharp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**
- d. **Darrin Williams made a motion to move forward with K-3 expansion in Blytheville as stated in the draft resolution provided in the Board packet; Baxter Sharp seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**

VIII. Adjournment

- a. At 6:06 pm, the Board decided to move the budget agenda item to the Finance Committee and that if a future approval is required before the July Board, a special session may be organized; there being no further business, the Board adjourned.

IX. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Chintan Desai, April 25, 2017.

