



## Minutes: August 21, 2024 Board Meeting

### **Consent Agenda**

- The minutes from the May 21, 2024 board meeting were introduced for approval as they were presented
  - I move that we accept the minutes as presented (Kevin Smith); I will second the motion (Vince Billingsly)
    - All in favor and motion carries

### **Agenda**

1. Organizational Health Report
  - a. ABM ESSER Project (Helena and Blytheville)
    - i. Mr. Scott Hamilton and Mr. Tim Davis are here to present on some of the ESSER projects we hope to complete related to construction at two of our campuses
    - ii. ABM is an organization that works with schools in the facilities space, focussing on efficiency, affordability, and student safety
    - iii. ESSER funds are available to improve educational facilities and will be utilized as the basis of this presentation
    - iv. We have been exploring two major projects to support KIPP Delta - ELA campus in Helena and BCH in Blytheville
    - v. To date, we have had introductory conversations with Mr. Boyd and Ms. Murdock to learn more about the campuses, evaluated the district and its needs and conducted feasibility studies that would result in improvements
    - vi. Project 1: Combine the BCP and BCH campuses in Blytheville
      1. Repurpose the building behind BCP to allow BCH to move out of the modular buildings to create a single site housing K-12
        - a. Benefits include the ability to combine services, increase security, and optimize space utilization
    - vii. Project 2: Add classroom space at ELA campus in Helena
      1. Based on enrollment and waiting list at ELA, they need additional classroom space (up to 4 classrooms which would be modular)

- a. The building is a historical property and cannot be added to; therefore the modular option is most ideal
- viii. Pathway Forward
  - 1. Getting final financial approval via the state
    - a. Budget assumptions ~ \$6 - \$7million
    - b. Funds are already available but we need approval from the state prior to allocating those dollars
  - 2. Present final proposal at the 9/17/24 board meeting
    - a. May add some improvements to the gymnasium at DCPS
    - b. Will have a final budget to present
  - 3. September 30, 2024 deadline to utilize ESSER funds to fully pay for the project
- b. SY25 Student Recruitment Briefing
  - i. Enrollment update
    - 1. Goal for SY25 was 1,413
      - a. Previous year (SY24) enrollment was 1,221
      - b. Current enrollment is 1,279
        - i. BCPS: lost 53 students, gained 99 new students, currently @ 296 students
        - ii. BCH: lost 30 students, gained 15 new students, currently @ 134 students
        - iii. DCPS: lost 18 students, gained 10 new students, currently @ 182 students
        - iv. DCH: lost 45 students, gained 5 new students, currently @ 185 students
        - v. ELA: lost 14 students, gained 104 new students, currently @ 482 students
    - c. Contributing factors for withdrawals based on parent feedback:
      - i. Too many virtual teachers (families want teachers in-person, not online)
      - ii. Culture in buildings
      - iii. Leadership not engaged with families
    - d. Next steps:
      - i. School leaders will call all of the withdrawn families within the next two weeks
      - ii. Recruitment team will continue to enroll new students

1. Currently we have 71 completed applications to convert to new students
    - iii. Create process to collect feedback from current and former parents and students
    - iv. Use data to create retention plans which may help inform recruitment messaging
    - v. Create a plan to improve culture and family engagement within the schools
  - e. Budget impact = ~\$600,000
  - f. Attrition rate was previously 16-18% and is now at 13%
- c. SY 25 Budget and Financial Outlook
  - i. SY25 pro forma budget
    1. Assuming \$18,137,701 in revenue
      - a. Funding is based on average daily membership from quarters 1-3 of SY24
        - i. Will make adjustments if we see increases in student enrollment on the October 1st student count
    2. Assuming \$18,084,693 in expenditures
      - a. Estimating about 65% of the expenditures coming from salaries and benefits (\$11,114,126)
    3. Working with the senior leadership team to refine numbers and will bring a budget amendment request to the board meeting in October
- d. Executive Session

### **Adjournment**

- Meeting adjourned
  - I move that we adjourn the meeting (Vince Billingsly) and I will second the motion (George Cotton)
    - All in favor; motion carries