**Memphis Merit Academy**

**MINUTES**

**Board Meeting**

**Date and Time**

Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 5:30 PM

**Location**

Memphis Merit Academy Charter School

4775 American Way

Memphis, TN 38118

605-472-5474 Ext 787470

PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEMPHIS MERIT ACADEMY BOARD MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public to

address the Board will be provided at the conclusion of the agenda. Members of the public who wish to

speak on any item are requested to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to

speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak for a maximum of three (3)

minutes, unless granted additional time at the discretion of the Board. Testimony shall be limited in

content to matters pertaining to Memphis Merit Academy. The Board may not take any action on

matters discussed during the public testimony period that are not listed on the agenda.

**Board Members Present:**

Brad Schmiedicke

Teresa Barnhill

Tamika Kemmons-Ford

Talunja Prophet

Angelina Allen

Betty McCline

Melisa (phone)

Mary Kaye (phone)

Rabb (finance consultant)

Kathy Gibbs (phone)

**Board Members Not Present:**

**Others Present:**

**I. Opening Items**

**A. Attendance taken and recorded**

**B. Call the Meeting to Order**

**Brad** called the meeting of the Board of Directors of Memphis Merit Academy

Charter School to order on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 5:40 pm at

4775 American Way, Memphis, TN 38134

**II. Public Comment**

**A. Public Comment**

No Public Comment

**B. Welcome**

**III. Agenda**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

Talunja made a motion to approve the agenda

Teresa seconded the motion

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

**D. Presentation of Monthly Financial Review-- Neda Rabb**

No motion needed

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

NOTES: Opportunities for funds next year: Hyde Foundation (1-year results needed);

Pyramid Peak; Facilities grant.

**B. Approval of Minutes for the January , 2019 Board Meeting**

Ms. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes.

Talunja seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

**C. Founder/Head of School Update**

(Ms. McCline presented; Mrs. Booker is with the Hyde Foundation tonight)

Academic Update

NOTES:

* + - * 2nd grade is complete; 3 waitlisted 60 kinder seats needed. Porter Leaf is a feeder program.
* Family merit council. Council had Pyros fundraiser and was successful. March 4 spirit night at Buffalo Wild Wings on Hacks Crossroads. 30 tickets to wax museum sold. Goal: 100; monies raised will go toward playground.
* Read Across America via sign up genius. Girls in Pearls coming up.
* Ms. Allen raised concern about stress on the kids. No changes in schedules so kids don’t detect a difference.
* Summer enrichment (3 weeks 8-12); March-May and technology via Title 1. Teacher development as well via Title 1.
* Landlord Communications Update: Landlord not responsive via email. Need legal representation to help. (Mrs. Moore’s firm?) Proposal for us to pay $20k in updates to fix leaks and not pay rent. Lease states we cannot make changes without Landlord approval. However, leaks are prohibiting learning in safe, clean environment.
* Current policy review: Board needs to review before the next meeting. Need to edit/change, etc. Purchases over 10K--$19k+ Chrome books for each class and a loaner. Printer for special education for IEP. We will vote at the next meeting. Please review.

**D. Mid-Year Report: State of Memphis Merit Academy**

OMITTED as Ms. Booker was with foundation members.

**IV. Other Business**

**A. Finance Committee Updates: (A. Allen)** No updates.

**B. Governance Committee Updates:** No updates; could not meet this month. Courses (may not be applicable) and annual retreat upcoming.

**C. Academic Achievement Committee: (B. McCline)** Covered in head of school update. Meeting next Thursday, 2/27 at 6PM. (Later MOVED due to Living Wax Museum school activity.)

**E. Development Committee: (T. Prophet)** No updates; no meeting. United Way Days of Caring. Planning a 5k in September with Mid-South Runners (Angie Ramsey will plan and organize and operations for us). Hold it in this area. Thousand Oaks area? Opportunity: jazz night as fundraiser.

**E. New Business: (T. Barnhill)** Potential partnership with marketing and advertising agency VMLY&R. Potential partnership with Nathalie Barretto, independent social media consultant. Need to identify needs and present to potential partners. More at next meeting.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Ms. Allen made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Talunja Prophet seconded the motion.

The Board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made,

seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Barnhill for M. Welch

\* 8-44-102. Open meetings -- "Governing body" defined -- "Meeting" defined. (a)All meetings of any

governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as provided by

the Constitution of Tennessee...(ii) The provisions of this subdivision (b)(1)(E) shall not be construed to

require the disclosure of a trade secret or proprietary information held or used by an association or

nonprofit corporation to which this chapter applies. In the event a trade secret or proprietary

information is required to be discussed in an open meeting, the association or nonprofit corporation

may conduct an executive session to discuss such trade secret or proprietary information; provided, that

a notice of the executive session is included in the agenda for such meeting. (iii)As used in this

subdivision (b) (1) (E): (a)"Proprietary information" means rating information, plans, or proposals;

actuarial information; specifications for specific services provided; and any other similar commercial or

financial information used in making or deliberating toward a decision by employees, agents or the

board of directors of such association or corporation; and which if known to a person or entity outside

the association or corporation would give such person or entity an advantage or an opportunity to gain

an advantage over the association or corporation when providing or bidding to provide the same or

similar services to local governments; and (b)"Trade secret" means the whole or any portion or phrase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula or improvement which is

secret and of value. The trier of fact may infer a trade secret to be secret when the owner thereof takes

measures to prevent it from becoming available to persons other than those selected by the owner to

have access thereto for limited purposes.