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Rooted School - New Orleans

Minutes

Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting: October 25, 2023

Date and Time
Wednesday October 25, 2023 at 5:30 PM

Location
The board meeting will be located in Southern University of New Orleans' College of Education and Human Development, located at 6701 Press Dr., New Orleans LA 70126.

The meeting will take place in room 236 on the second floor.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE: Pursuant to emergency proclamation 30-JCE 2020, the Rooted School New Orleans Board hereby certifies that it will conduct all meetings scheduled for 2023-24, in person, at 6701 Press Dr. in the College of Education Building on SUNO's campus. Board meetings shall be held in this manner until further notice.

Directors Present
A. Utley, G. Jones Herbert, M. Quinn, S. Short

Directors Absent
K. Andrews, K. Woods

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
S. Short

Guests Present
F. Ingargiola, K. Karpinski, Shannon Glapion

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

S. Short arrived at 6:08 PM.

B.

Call the Meeting to Order

G. Jones Herbert called a meeting of the board of directors of Rooted School - New Orleans to order on Wednesday Oct 25, 2023 at 6:08 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

G. Jones Herbert made a motion to approve the minutes from Rooted School Board of Directors Meeting: August 30, 2023 on 08-30-23.
M. Quinn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Quinn	Aye
G. Jones Herbert	Aye
S. Short	Aye
K. Woods	Absent
A. Utley	Aye
K. Andrews	Absent

II. PUBLIC FORUM - #1

A. Notes from the Public Forum (If Applicable)

- Our Public Comment period is for members of the public to address the board.
- Each member of the public may sign up to comment at the meeting and will be allotted three - five minutes.
- The board will listen, but may not directly respond to any comments.
- Please do not use specific student, teacher or administrator names in your comments as our meetings are open to the public and public record, and we must adhere to FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. As such, if your comment is about a private, matter please contact the board via email, or speak to the board chair privately.

There was no public comment during this portion of the meeting.

III. Executive Session:

A. Executive Session:

Ms. GeDá Jones Herbert made a motion for the board to move into Executive Session to discuss:

- The board will move to Executive Session to discuss matters related to RSF finance proposal.
- The board will also discuss a school safety matter related to a currently enrolled student.

- The board will also provide a collective bargaining update.

The vote to move into Executive Session was unanimous.

***If a vote is taken in the Executive Session, the result of the vote will be made public**
and entered into the minutes upon the board reconvening in public session.

IV. BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Finance Committee Budget Presentation & Update - DISCUSSION

- Mark Quinn presented an update of the *Finance Committee r*eport and introduced Beth Sprague of EdOps.

- Frank Ingargiola presented contract update information (beyond $10,000 threshold)

- Frank Ingargiola will presented a brief update on the *LA Legislative Action:*

1. One-time differentiated stipends for school teaching faculty $470.00 +27% to cover benefits - Highly Disadvantaged % based on F&RBL

2. One-time certificated/non-certificated stipends of $2000.00/$1000.00 respectively

3. Board vote required

B. 2023 - 2024 Board and School Goals - DISCUSSION

This discussion was tabled to the December 13, 2023 board meeting.

C. 2023 - 2024 Board Bylaws Review & Edits - Discussion

The board conducted a working session to review and edit bylaws. Additional edits/updates will be made during the December 13, 2023 work session of the board's public meeting.

D. RSF Repayment Plan

No vote was taken on this item coming out of Executive Session.

- The board directed the Executive Director to communicate their previous decision to the CEO of Rooted School Foundation -- ***Reimbursement of all funds due to Rooted School NOLA must take place by November 30, 2023.***

V. BOARD ACTION ITEMS: CONSENT AGENDA VOTE

A. Legislative Stipends - Vote

G. Jones Herbert made a motion to approve the LA Legislation for faculty & staff stipends.
A. Utley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

G. Jones Herbert	Aye
S. Short	Aye
K. Woods	Absent
M. Quinn	Aye
K. Andrews	Absent
A. Utley	Aye

B. 2023 - 2024 Contract Approval - Vote

G. Jones Herbert made a motion to approve the contracts for the 2023 - 2024 school year.
M. Quinn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

S. Short	Aye
K. Woods	Absent
M. Quinn	Aye
A. Utley	Aye
G. Jones Herbert	Aye
K. Andrews	Absent

C. 2023-24 Board & School Goals - Vote

S. Short made a motion to table this item until the next board meeting in December.
G. Jones Herbert seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

K. Woods	Absent
S. Short	Aye
M. Quinn	Aye
K. Andrews	Absent
G. Jones Herbert	Aye

Roll Call	
A. Utley	Aye

D. Board Bylaws - Vote

No vote was taken on the board bylaws at this meeting.

The board conducted a working session to review and edit bylaws. Additional edits/updates will be made during the December 13,2023 work session of the board's public meeting.

E. Rooted School Foundation Repayment Plan - Vote

No vote was taken on this item coming out of Executive Session.

- The board directed the Executive Director to communicate their previous decision to the CEO of Rooted School Foundation -- Reimbursement of all funds due to Rooted School NOLA must take place by November 30, 2023.

F. Ms. Shannon Glapion, Comptroller Dillard University - Board Parent Candidate - Vote

G. Jones Herbert made a motion to move the approval of Ms. Shannon Glapion as a Rooted School board member [school year 2023 - 2024], to the start of the board meeting to ensure her ability to participate in voting and be counted as part of the voting quorum.
M. Quinn seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
S. Short	Aye
K. Andrews	Absent
G. Jones Herbert	Aye
A. Utley	Aye
M. Quinn	Aye
K. Woods	Absent

VI. Executive Director / School Leader Report:

A. Discussion Points:

The Executive Director presented an update on 2023 - 2024 school year goals & metrics.

***Slideshow will be made available upon request.**

VII. PUBLIC FORUM #2:

A.

Notes from the Public Forum (If Applicable)

There was no public comment during this portion of the meeting.

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Jones Herbert

Documents used during the meeting

None