

APPROVED



Gestalt Community Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 27, 2016 at 8:00 AM

Location

see below

Humes Preparatory Academy
659 N. Manassas St.
Memphis, TN 38107

Directors Present

A. Evans Blackwell, C. Leon, H. Coleman, K. Walker Burt (remote), T. Williams, Y. Lewis

Directors Absent

K. Kruse, M. Levine, P. Ray

Guests Present

A. Butler, B. Turner, K. Parish, Laura Kabati, Chalkbeat Reporter, M. McFarland, T. Walker

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

C. Leon called a meeting of the board of directors of Gestalt Community Schools to order on Thursday Oct 27, 2016 at 8:15 AM.

C. Approve Minutes

A. Butler arrived.

Laura Kabati, Chalkbeat Reporter, arrived late.

A. Evans Blackwell made a motion to approve minutes.

T. Williams seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Committee & Staff Reports

A. ASD Transition and Next Steps

Yetta Lewis shared the Transition of Humes Preparatory Academy and Klondike Preparatory Academy presentation from the Achievement School District (ASD).

Yetta Lewis discussed the five options that ASD presented:

Option One-Two Operators, Two Locations.

Option Two-One Operator, Two Locations.

Option Three-One Operator, Joint Locations.

Option Four-One Operator, One Location, One School Student Transfer.

Option Five-No Operator, Two Schools, Student Transfers.

Yetta Lewis discussed the timeline of ASD to make a decision:

By next week, inform of any interested operators. Operators must be eligible financially and academically.

Week of November 6, follow up committee/community meeting.

Week of November 27, finalize school actions with parents.

Week of December 9, public release of future steps by external press release.

Michael McFarland discussed Human Resources informing current staff and leadership of their options during the transition.

Adrianna Butler discussed Operations assisting ASD with reports and decisions.

B. Finance Report

Kim Parish stated that enrollment is below budget and enrollment targets, but Mae Yearwood is working diligently to approve.

Current enrollment/BOD approved budget:

PCAES 402/404
PCAMS 435/445
PCAHS 703/705
NSAMS 97/145
HUMES 315/310
KPAES 197/240

Kim Parish stated that GCS goal is to be 75 days cash on hand by end of 2016/2017 school year. Currently at 35 days.

Kim Parish stated GCS is on target to meet fundraising goals for current fiscal year and/or multi-year plan.

Kim Parish discussed that Mae Yearwood has been working on the recruitment plan for the 2017/2018 school year and she will share her updates with the Board.

Kim Parish discussed cash reserves.

C. Facilities Report

Kim Parish discussed upcoming facility needs:

Permanent site for PCAES.

Expanded space for PCAHS. GCS is in due diligence period with the Power Center Project. The goal with this property would be to house and expand PCAHS and PCAES with enough room to grow as grades are added.

Permanent site for Nexus. Temporary or permanent site for new school tentatively opening Summer 2017. Currently not looking for a permanent site for Nexus as they need to get enrollment up to support a facility. Current temporary plans could also house year 1 of a new Nexus Elementary to open Summer 2017.

Nexus Elementary application was approved and deferred this year. 2+ year facility solution secured. Pipeline of quality school leaders identified. The selection process will begin the week of November 14th. With the ASD transition, the internal candidates have increased.

Kim Parish discussed the need to house CMO staff currently operating from Humes. Stated she is currently working with the Landlord of the current CMO office on options to expand.

D. Nexus Green Light Process

The Green Light Process was not discussed.

E. Board Transitions

Courtney Leon discussed that a skills test had been presented. Everyone has not participated as of yet. Participation is needed from everyone to receive the results from the skills test.

Courtney Leon discussed how to grow the Board. Will reach out to Board members about their availability.

Courtney Leon announced that Mario Parson was no longer a Board member.

Courtney Leon discussed that 3-4 new Board members need to be added.

Courtney Leon discussed a Board member becoming the new Chair. A new Board Chair member will need to be in place February 2017 at the latest.

Courtney Leon discussed her and Yetta Lewis will work on the Board.

III. Next Board Meeting

A. Next Board Meeting

Yetta Lewis discussed conflict of schedule with next board meeting date. Board decided and agreed next meeting will be determined at a later date with the assistance of Tameka Walker, Executive Secretary to aid with scheduling.

IV. 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 9:33 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. Coleman

H. Coleman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Y. Lewis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.