

Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, Inc.

730 W. 25th Avenue

Gary, IN

Board Meeting Minutes

November 8, 2012

Call to Order: 6:02pm – Todd McIntire

Board

Members Present: Todd McIntire, President; Jodie Beckley, Vice President; Frank Ippolito, Treasurer; Lisa Johnson, Parent Representative; Dominique Pickett, Student Representative

Board

Members Absent: Charles Hughes, Friends of Ted

Guests Present: Vanessa Ronketto, Superintendent; Terrance Little, Principal; Annie Baddoo, DOA-Edison; Sabrena Davis, DOA-Edison; Courtney White, Assistant Controller; Carmen Purham, Edison Learning Center; John Shenberger, Edison Learning Center; Claire Miller, Edison Learning Center; LaShawn Wise; Destiny Andino; Marjol Rush-Collet; Annie May; Terry Martin; Jonathan Oliver; Cynthia Pruitt

Minutes: Jodie Beckley motioned for acceptance of the October 9, 2012 minutes. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval: Jodie Beckley motioned for amending the agenda to include the selection of new board members. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion carried.

Reports & Updates

Blended Learning: John Shenberger provided a power point presentation on “Blended Learning”, the definition, the benefits of Blended Learning for students/ teachers, and suggestions for improvement to the “Blended Learning” process.

New Members: Biographies were submitted to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. Jodie Beckley motioned for the board to accept Lisa Johnson as the parent representative to the Board of Directors. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion carried. Jodie Beckley motioned for the board to accept Dominique Pickett, President Student Learning Council, as the student representative to the Board of Directors. This is a non-voting board appointment. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion carried.

*Principle's Report
School Update*

Principal Terrance Little—A Comprehensive report submitted to board members for review and discussion.

Student attendance is at 71% and the benchmark is 90%. The board would like to see an “Action Plan” for improving student attendance at the next board meeting.

Student enrollment has increased from 704 to 722. The board would like to see a written plan for accepting new students and a detailed plan on how the academy intends to offer support for newly enrolled students.

Fundraising efforts by the Friends of Ted netted \$500.

The school is currently seeking a facility for the swim team. Mr. Shenberger has agreed to coach the team. Mary Cossey from the Friends of Ted has agreed to sponsor the team.

Personnel Adoption: Frank Ippolito motioned for accepting the Personnel Report as submitted by Principal Terrance Little.

Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.

Technology: Vanessa Ronketto—asked that everyone take a look at the new web site.

<http://www.theodorerooseveltcca.org>.

Facilities: Principal Terrance Little—reported the school is having issues with drainage, and a broken elevator. Gary Community School Corporation (GCSC) is responsible for correcting these issues.

Lockers are expected to be delivered within the next 3-4 weeks.

Construction workers are still in the building finishing up remodeling efforts.

Transportation: Terry Martin—the school continues to have issues with the buses being late. Mr. Martin reported the following: buses are on a three tier system; sometimes the buses are blocked in the am; and, the bus makes 42 stops in Glen Park. The school and the bus company are working to resolve these issues.

Education Report: Annie Baddoo & Sabrena Davis—Good report for Department of Education (DOE). The 1003(a) Implementation visit revealed the DOE had a lot of complimentary remarks regarding the direction the school is headed. The DOE has revised the Q2 PD Plan to include professional development for non-professional staff.

The next DOE visit is in January.

Finance Report: Courtney White—presented the financial report. Ms. White will meet with the board on November 20th to prioritize needs at the school.

Jodie Beckly motioned to accept the finance report as submitted.

Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion carried.

Board Report: The Board continues to work with GCSC on busing issues, heating issues and other facility issues.
The news media has requested the following: a meeting with the School Superintendent regarding fire inspection reports; information regarding sport teams; and, the opportunity to see all contracts and staff salaries. The board wishes to be transparent, therefore the intention is to provide the media with the requested information.

NEW BUSINESS

Salary Scale: Frank Ippolito motioned to approve the Salary Scale Schedule as presented. Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.
Invoice Payment: Jodie Beckley motioned to approve Invoice No. 13075802 for \$688,444.91 for Edison Learning Center. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Grant: Alternative Education Proposal Grant—Vanessa Ronketto said grant is not complete. The report will be provided at the next meeting.
Open Discussion: None
Public Comment: None
Executive Session: Executive Session will be held following adjournment of the meeting.
Adjournment: 7:55pm
Next Meeting: December 13, 2012

Minutes Recorded by Cynthia Pruitt and Submitted by Ben Clement, Secretary

ATTEST:

Todd McIntire, President	_____
Jodie Beckley, Vice Present	_____
Frank Ippolito, Treasurer	_____
Chuck Hughes, Friends of Ted	_____
Lisa Johnson, Parent Rep	_____
Dominique Pickett, Student Rep	_____