

Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, Inc.

730 W. 25th Avenue

Gary, IN

Board Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2013

Call to Order: 6:10pm – Todd McIntire

Board

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

Board

Members Absent: Charles Hughes, Friends of Ted, Dominique Pickett, Student Representative

Guests Present:

Vanessa Ronketto, Superintendent; Donna Henry, Interim Principal; Drew Laskowski, EdisonLearning Controller; Antoinette Edmonds, SOM; Student; Coni Taslim, SA Assistant Principal; Katrice Hayes, Teacher; Sabrena Davis, DOA; Tim Ulmer, DOA; Annie Baddoo, DOA; Claire Miller, Teacher; Keywon Jackson, Student; Tyneasha Banks, AD; Ben Clement, Board Secretary

Statement:

President Todd McIntire made a statement regarding the death of TRCCA student Tre Buggs. Principal Donna Henry reported on student support services and events planned to commemorate the life of Tre Buggs.

Minutes:

Frank Ippolito motioned for acceptance of the March 14, 2012 minutes. Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.

Agenda Approval:

Jodie Beckley motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Reports & Updates

School Presentation:

Donna Henry, Interim Principal, reported on the impact of the Student Learning Conference. A major challenge is poor attendance at “Our Meeting”. President McIntire asked about reasons for poor attendance and why adult to student ratio is increasing. Principal Henry said class roster is increasing due to late in the year transfers. Staff has recommended holding “Our Meeting” later in the day.

School Update: Donna Henry presented the principal’s report. TRCCA hosted “Bullying Awareness Week”. Classroom observations are up. Computer problems caused difficulties with ISTEP Testing. Test results delayed until June. TRCCA and Edison Learning staff developing enrollment campaign. Vice President Jodie Beckley recommends establishing a target number for desired enrollment increase.

Operations Report

Facilities: Antoinette Edmonds presented the school operations report. The alternative education classroom space is prepared for occupancy. Additional security cameras are needed in the gymnasium area. Some transportation challenges persist. Summer feeding program will run from June 10- July 21, 2013.

Education Report: Superintendent Vanessa Ronketto presented the education report. TRCCA ready to implement Blended Learning starting with grades 7-9. This is closest to the “Flex Model”. President McIntire requests that Blended Learning be added to monthly meeting agendas. Administration will begin expulsion hearings in conjunction with referral process for alternative education. Board wants monthly report on expulsions and outcomes. There is no reporting requirement to other school districts.

Finance Report: Frank Ippolito and Drew Laskowski presented the financial report. Drew Laskowski, Controller, presented 2013-14 TRCCA Budget Forecast versus fiscal year 2014 Draft Budget including projected operating expenses, projected cash flows, and projected cash receipts.

Board Report: President McIntire reported progress through mediation on shared services agreement with Gary Community School Corporation. Vanessa Ronketto attended state Board of Education meeting in Indianapolis.

Parent/Liaison

Report: No report.

Student Liaison

Report: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Adoption: Jodie Beckley motioned to accept the Personnel Report. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Invoice Payment: Frank Ippolito motioned to approve Invoice No. 13075808 for \$173,616.33 for Edison Learning. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Discipline Procedures

Handbook: Vanessa Ronketto presented the Discipline Procedures Handbook for adoption. Jodie Beckley motioned to approve the handbook. Frank Ippolito seconded. Motion carried.

Alternative Ed

Handbook: Superintendent Ronketto presented the Alternative Education Handbook for adoption. Frank Ippolito motioned to approve the handbook. Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.

Board Policy on

Appeals: Board debated merits of hearing appeals for expulsion or adult education referrals. Frank Ippolito motioned to adopt Board policy to hear appeals. Motion failed without receiving a second.

Board Policy

Declining to Hear

Appeals: President McIntire motioned for the Board to elect not to hear appeals. Appellate process will remain at school level with Superintendent and Principal. Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

FY 2014 Budget: Board discussion on fiscal year 2014 Budget. Budget based on targeted enrollment of 770 students. Decrease in staff level projected due to implementation of Blended Learning model. President McIntire requests rationale for shift from regular education classroom teachers to increased staffing for facilities and special education. No action to approve budget.

Open Discussion: Vice President Jodie Beckley inquired about social media applications and specific use to boost enrollment. VP Beckley asked if an auditor had been selected. TRCCA will use EdisonLearning auditors. Frank Ippolito wants to ensure that state audit requirements are met. Board to review school calendar and Board meeting schedule at next meeting.

Executive Session: Executive Session held prior to the meeting.

Adjournment: 8:25pm

Next Meeting: June 14, 2013

Minutes Recorded 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 _____