

Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, Inc.

730 W. 25th Avenue

Gary, IN

Board Meeting Minutes

March 14, 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; Annie Baddoo, DOA-Edison; John Shenberger, AD; Antoinette Edmonds, SOM; Claire Miller, JA-Teacher; Tarry Martin, Site Service Manager; Sabrena Davis, DOA; Ben Clement, Board Secretary

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

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

Reports & Updates

School Presentation: Information on ecourses and credit recovery presented by John Shenberger, Academy Director. Currently 115 students are enrolled in 306 ecourses. So far 10 seniors are back on track for graduation. 34 of 159 juniors are on track for graduation. Approximately 85 seniors could return to school next year to complete courses. More computer technology needed to build program capacity.

School Update: Donna Henry presented the principal's report. 54 families were represented at parent night. 684 students enrolled as of February 2013. President Todd McIntire asks reasons for high mobility rates. Early feedback indicates TRCCA perceived as too strict for some. Mr. McIntire requests case study on "Our Meeting" group to get sense of causal factors contributing to attendance problems. 66 truancy cases have been referred to Gary Police Department. A truancy officer candidate has been identified.

Personnel Adoption: Jodie Beckley motioned to accept the Personnel Report including approval of Donna Henry as Interim Principal.
Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

Operations Report

Facilities: Antoinette Edmonds presented the school operations report. The main office, AD offices, and classrooms closed due to heating and water issues are now accessible. Intercom and camera system are now working. Elevator still not operational. President McIntire reports effort to recoup \$140k facility maintenance expense from school district.

Education Report Annie Baddoo presented the education report. Jodie Beckley requests adjustment to classroom observation data. Alternative education center projected to open April 2013.

Finance Report: Frank Ippolito presented the financial report. Budget to be presented to Board at April 11, 2013 meeting.

Parent/Liaison Report: No report.

Student Liaison Report: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Invoice Payment: Frank Ippolito motioned to approve Invoice No. 13075806 for \$141,666.67 for Edison Learning. Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.

Old Business

Open Discussion: Superintendent Vanessa Ronketto announced that TRCCA not eligible for membership in Indiana School Board Association. Summer school will commence June 11, 2013 with three sessions of 2-weeks each. School will be open from 8AM to 2PM daily. Courses will include English, Math, Social Studies and Science. \$50k program expense includes \$28k for staff with teachers being paid \$40/hr. Program cost also includes \$21k operating expenses.

Executive Session: Executive Session held prior to the meeting.

Adjournment: 7:56pm

Next Meeting: April 11, 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 _____