

Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, Inc.

730 W. 25th Avenue

Gary, IN

Board Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2013

Call to Order: 4:05pm – Todd McIntire

Board

Members Present: Todd McIntire, President;

Board

Members Absent: Jodie Beckley, Vice President; Frank Ippolito, Treasurer; Lisa Johnson, Parent Representative Charles Hughes, Friends of Ted; Dominique Pickett, Student Representative

Guests Present: Vanessa Ronketto, Superintendent; Donna Henry, Interim Principal; Student; Coni Taslim, SA Assistant Principal; Tyneasha Banks, AD; Carmen Roberts, Student Support Director; Dr. Tim Ulmer, DOA; Sabrena Davis, DOA; Antoinette Edmonds, SOM; Ben Clement, Board Secretary; Rev. Corey Jackson, Board Nominee

Minutes: No action due to lack of quorum.

Agenda Approval: No action due to lack of quorum.

Reports & Updates

Presentation of

Board Nominee: President Todd McIntire introduced Rev. Corey Jackson as a board nominee to replace Chuck Hughes as the Friends of Ted representative. Rev. Jackson is pastor of New Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church in Gary and also a Roosevelt alumnus.

School Presentation: Dr. Carmen Roberts presented information about the summer school program. The program offered English and Math remediation, ECA remediation, freshmen transition assistance, and a college tour of Purdue University. Achievements included 45 students completing freshman transition program, 55 students recovering credits, and 4 students passing the ECA exam raising the graduation rate to 47%.

School Update: Donna Henry presented the principal's report. The new theme for the 2013-14 school year is "Hitting it out of the park". Blended learning will be implemented this year using

the flex model. There are two openings for special education teachers. School enrollment is at 654 including 550 who have attended class at least one day and 40 transferring to other schools.

Truancy

Intervention: Dr. Tim Ulmer presented strategies to improve attendance and reduce truancy.

Operations Report: Antoinette Edmonds presented the operations report. Elevators are now operational. Kitchen freezer has been repaired. Air conditioning is malfunctioning causing extreme heat issues in various parts of the building. Eclipse has been contracted to provide bus transportation for sports and after school programs. Blended learning classrooms have been equipped with smart boards and 300 laptops have been added. READ 180 is operational.

Education Report: Superintendent Vanessa Ronketto presented the education report. Sabrena Davis reported that professional development will include blended learning training and instruction in applying the flex model. Superintendent Ronketto announced TRCCA has been approved for a \$1.4 million school improvement grant.

Finance Report: Antoinette Edmonds presented the finance report. Budget adjustments resulting from the school improvement grant include adding two special education teachers. Reductions include staff, athletic stipends, and staff bonus pool.

Board Report: President McIntire reported that mediation with Gary Community School Corporation continues. He requested information on maintenance expenditures, transportation deficiencies and other issues. He congratulated Superintendent Ronketto and administrative staff on efforts to secure the SIG. He will attend state of Indiana Board of Education meeting on September 4, 2013.

Parent/Liaison

Report: No report.

Student Liaison

Report: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Adoption: None presented due to lack of quorum.

Invoice Payment: None presented for approval due to lack of quorum.

Old Business

Open Discussion: None

Executive Session: None

Adjournment: 5:35pm

Next Meeting: September 18, 2013

Minutes Recorded and Submitted by Ben Clement, Secretary

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ATTEST:

Todd McIntire, President _____

Jodie Beckley, Vice Present _____

Frank Ippolito, Treasurer _____

Chuck Hughes, Friends of Ted _____

Lisa Johnson, Parent Rep _____

Dominique Pickett, Student Rep _____