

# Theodore Roosevelt College and Career Academy, Inc.

730 W. 25<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Gary, IN

## Board Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2013

*Call to Order:* 6:17pm – 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; Gisele Jones, Student Engagement Director; Quinton McKnight, Parent; Maya McKnight, Student; Naeshun Sanders, Jr., Student; James Gaston, Student; Monica Boykin, Student; Richeal Stewart, Student; Ben Clement, Board Secretary

### *Minutes:*

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

### *Agenda Approval:*

Frank Ippolito motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Jodie Beckley seconded. Motion carried.

## Reports & Updates

### *School Presentation:*

Gisele Jones, Student Engagement Director, reported on student engagement activities. Currently 17 programs are offered including Arts & Culture (5), Academics & Community (3), Sports (5), and ROTC (4). Presently 26% of students participate in enrichment programs. Several students shared experiences from the GEMS Historically Black College Tour.

### *School Update:*

Donna Henry presented the principal's report. Male mentoring program has been implemented. ROTC Ball held. ECA makeup session scheduled for this summer. President McIntire inquired about waiver requirements. Administration must petition state of Indiana DOE to request waivers. Mr. McIntire asked about status of alternative program and why no requests for student expulsions have been presented to the Board.

Apparently previous principal (Terrance Little) indicated that expulsions were not allowed. Currently alternative program has 25 student capacity.

#### *Operations Report*

*Facilities:* Antoinette Edmonds presented the school operations report. Intercom and camera systems are operational. Clocks on second floor are malfunctioning. Network technology challenges persist.

*Education Report:* Vanessa Ronketto presented the education report. Security staff is getting crisis management training. Blended learning model to be implemented. Gisele Jones reported on meeting with local pastors. Community partners meeting scheduled for May 9, 2013.

*Finance Report:* Frank Ippolito presented the financial report. Drew Laskowski, Controller, presented 2013-14 TRCCA Budget including projected operating expenses, projected cash flows, and projected cash receipts.

*Board Report:* President McIntire reported slow, but steady progress on shared services agreement with Gary Community School Corporation. Mediation meeting scheduled for March 28, 2013. Mr. McIntire attended state Board of Education meeting.

*Parent/Liaison Report:*

No report.

*Student Liaison Report:*

No report.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Personnel Adoption:* Frank Ippolito motioned to accept the Personnel Report. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

*Invoice Payment:* Jodie Beckley motioned to approve Invoice No. 13075807 for \$70,833.33 for Edison Learning. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

*School Calendar:* Vanessa Ronketto reported TRCCA working with promoters of Jackson Family Event. Jodie Beckley asked if fees would be assessed for use of school building. Superintendent Ronketto said no fees, however, donation from promoters and/or Jackson Family is being discussed. President McIntire recommended instituting a building use policy. He suggested the policy might mirror existing school corporation policy. Superintendent Ronketto presented the proposed calendar for 2013-14 school-year including 8:00am –

3:30pm school hours. Jodie Beckley motioned to approve school calendar. Lisa Johnson seconded. Motion carried.

**2013-14 Budget:** Jodie Beckley asked if there is an enrollment plan to support fiscal 2013-14 budget projections. President McIntire requested that a plan and associated marketing campaign be presented at next meeting. Lisa John asked if TRCCA will promote enrollment at Indiana Parenting Institute event at US Steel Yard. School will participate. He also inquired about planned staff reductions and asked how blended learning model can help support the plan. Staff notifications for nonrenewal are due by mid-May. President McIntire inquired about the timeframe for the School Improvement Grant. Superintendent Ronketto will provide application due dates and related details.

**Old Business**

*Summer School:* \$57,000 budgeted for two summer school sessions offering English, World history, Chemistry and Language Arts.

*Open Discussion:* President McIntire said Board will meet in July.

*Executive Session:* Executive Session held prior to the meeting.

*Adjournment:* 8:05pm

*Next Meeting:* May 9, 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	_____