

**St. Paul City School Board
August 26, 2011
Minutes**

Members Present: JaPaul Harris, Kristie Eull, Justin Tiarks, Katie Holmes, Jenny Reiling, Scott Redinger, Melody Chalmers, Nancy Dana (ex-officio)

Members Absent: Kathy Vang, Laura Rodriguez-Gonzalez

Guests: Bondo Nyembwe

1. **Public Forum:** Fifteen minutes are available for the public to address the board. Nobody addressed the board.
 2. **Approval of the Agenda:** JaPaul Harris called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm. Item 4 will be moved to number 8. Everything else will be moved down by one. Item 10 will be struck from the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda with noted changes: Kristie Eull Moved, Jenny Reiling Seconded, APPROVED.
 3. **Approval of Minutes:** (Attachment A): A motion is needed to approve the July 28, 2011 minutes: Justin Tiarks Moved, Jenny Reiling Seconded, APPROVED.
 4. **Reports:**
 - a. Financial Report and Finance Committee Report (Attachment B): Scott found two new vans. Nancy is working on a loan from the bank for final approval.
 - b. Executive Director's Report (Attachment C): SIG decisions have been made. We did not get it, and administration is working on essential needs. The grandfather lease aid is not expiring this year. Enrollment is at 350. Work on the roof has begun. Nancy has looked into other Authorization possibilities.
 - c. Principal update on opening weeks (Attachment D): Staff has completed two weeks of professional development. Still need to hire 3 long-term subs.
 - d. Committee Reports
 - Governance Committee: No report*
 - Board Development Committee: No report*
 - e. Preschool Update (Attachment E): No report
 5. **Resignations/ Staff Approvals:** The resignation of Jill Harris needs to be accepted. The following staff are being presented for approval for hire:
 - Elizabeth Sloot, Media Specialist**
 - Paul Scanlon, Assistant Principal**
 - Mai Pa Ku Yang, 3rd Grade teacher**
 - Halena Post, El Elementary**
 - Sarah Nickila, Special Education 6-8**
 - Long term sub for Melody Chalmers: Josh Pettit**
 - Jane Mahowald is assigned to us through Reading Corp, paid from a grant**
- Resolution:** Be it resolved that the resignation of Jill Harris be accepted. Justin Tiarks Moved, Jenny Reiling Seconded, APPROVED.
- Be it resolved that the staff listed above be approved for hire. Jenny Reiling Moved, Katie Holmes Seconded, APPROVED.
6. **Uniforms:** Further discussion of the uniform policy may need to be reviewed. Options for shorts and pants will be revisited. Administration will determine the execution of the

uniform policy and let staff know before school begins. New professional uniforms will not be rolled out for the middle school by September. We will ask Mai Zia to see if uniforms are a reason that students are leaving.

- 7. Board Resignation/Officer Election:** Board Chair JaPaul Harris has found it necessary to resign because of conflict with his new position. A new Board Chair will need to be nominated and approved. Secretary Kristie Eull has resigned and started teaching at another school. A new secretary will need to be nominated and approved.

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Board resignations of JaPaul Harris and Kristie Eull be accepted. Scott Redinger Moved, Jenny Reiling Seconded, APPROVED.

Election of new Chair and Secretary.

Resolution: Be it resolved that Katie Holmes be approved as the new Secretary. Jenny Reiling Moved, Melody Chalmers Seconded, APPROVED.

Resolution: Be it resolved that Justin Tiarks be approved as the new Board Chair. Katie Holmes Moved, Scott Redinger Seconded, APPROVED.

Resolution: Be it resolved that Jenny Reiling be approved as the new Vice Chair. Justin Tiarks Moved, Katie Holmes Seconded, APPROVED.

- 8. Board Vacancies:** Three board openings: one parent, one community, one “floating” position. Nancy and Justin have both contacted possible members. We would like to have new board members in place by our September meeting.
- 9. Planning for the Board retreat:** Saturday, October 8 at 9:00-12:00. Bring food for a potluck. Justin presented the vision for moving forward, on which the Board retreat will focus. More details will be flushed out at the Board retreat.
- 10. Board member training updates:** Jenny, Katie, Laura and new members will need training. Everyone else is encouraged to continue training.
- 11. Items to be Considered at the Next Meeting:** Board Committees
- 12. Next Meeting: September 16, 2011, 5:00-7:00 pm**
- 13. Future Agenda Priorities:** Time permitting, the Board is urged to examine this list to consider additions and the relative importance for future agendas.
- Special Education Report
 - Social Action/ Community Service Report
 - Academic Dashboard

14. Adjourned at 5:57 pm.

Prepared by:

Katie Holmes, Board Secretary

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