# Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Tolbert Charter Academy School Board

Date: February 20, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m. - Virtual ZOOM Online Meeting

### **Board members**

Mark Tolbert, President | Blaine Clark, Treasurer | Linda Edgely, Secretary |
TuJuania Scott, Board Member | Aldon Jones, Board Member | Troy Nash, Board
Member | Trevor Hughes, Board Member

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Bishop Mark Tolbert, Board President. Board members present at the meeting were:

- · Bishop Mark Tolbert
- Linda Edgely
- · TuJuania Scott
- · Blaine Clark
- · Troy Nash- in @ 7:17 pm

### Absent:

- · Trevor Hughes
- Aldon Jones

## Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

A motion was made by Blaine Clark to accept the January 23, 2022 board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by TuJuania Scott.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

#### Approval of Bills

A motion was made by Blaine Clark to approve the monthly bills for payment. The motion was seconded by TuJuania Scott.

Motion carried. Vote 4/0

# • Superintendent's Report- Dr. Mitchell (report emailed)

- February 8-9, 2023, I had the pleasure of traveling to Jefferson City, Missouri to attend legislative sessions. I attended a house and senate meeting and connected with our state lawmakers. The purpose of my visit was to ensure that the charter voice is heard as some of our state lawmakers do not view charter schools in the best light. I also had the opportunity to listen to a presentation from our State Commissioner of Education.
- One of the things she discussed was the potential movement with school choice, which she is in favor of. I shared with her how school choice would damage urban schools with great severity. I will continue to advocate against this movement.

- We have received letters of intent back from staff members. Over 95% selected through their form that they plan to return to LATCA next year.
- Our calendar preparation team met last week. In our March BOE meeting, we will have a proposed calendar for your consideration and approval.
- I met a couple of weeks ago with our insurance broker. He indicated that LATCA is in the bottom tier as it relates to the strength of health insurance benefits. In the March BOE meeting, I will have data for you as it relates to where we are performing and what he suggests we do to be comparable and competitive with surrounding school districts.

# • Principal's Report (report emailed)

- Site Visit Update We have completed the building-level schedule for the MCPSC site visit. We have completed meeting times for the school administrators & staff and have tentative times scheduled for the board focus group.
- We have sent the pre-visit documents and secured a location for the visit.
- Supplemental Education Classes We have begun our supplemental education classes for Math & Reading. We have 49 students (5th – 8th) attending the supplemental Math classes during the school week. Our Math Coach will be teaching this class once per week for our students who have low math scores. Two other teachers will rotate the low reading group (k-5th).
- Saturday School Classes We have begun Saturday School. The students will have ten sessions. The classes are based on low Math and ELA scores.
- MAP preparation MS teachers are to have students master one MAP standard per day. Each Friday teachers will give a mini MAP quiz. Social Studies teachers are also focusing on writing skills for the writing portion of the MAP test.
- MAP Test dates -Science Test (5th & 8th May 9th & 10th )
   ELA & Math (3rd 8th Begins April 25th)
- RTI (Response to Intervention) We have changed RTI to incorporate Standards-Based grading. Each homeroom is now divided into the 4 levels of MAP – based on standards. Students may be placed in any level for their RTI class.
- Student Recruitment So far, we have attended three pre-K recruitment events for Kindergarten sign-up. Over 100 packets of information were handed out to parents.

### • Items for Discussion

Model Policy NEW update items (required by Charter School Association This will be voted on at the March meeting.

# • Board Committee Reports

Student Performance Committee- Dr. Donnie Mitchell - No report Board Governance Committee- Dr. Donnie Mitchell - No Report

Dr. Hayes will develop the student performance and board governance committees/members by the next meeting.

## • Financial Report- Blaine Clark

A motion was made by Troy Nash to accept and receive that financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by TuJuania Scott.

Motion carried. Vote 5/0

• Next Meeting Date & Location: March 20, 2023 (7:00 pm) ZoomOnline

## Adjournment

TuJuania Scott made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Troy Nash. Motion carried. Vote 5/0. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Ashley Walker, HR Assistant