



FirstLine Schools Board Meeting Minutes
October 24, 2012
5:15 – 6:45 pm
Arthur Ashe Charter School

In Attendance: Lawrence Kullman, Alison Hartman, Kim Henry, Paul Pechon, Monique Cola, Darleene Peters and Gregory St. Etienne.

Staff in Attendance: Jay Altman, Joseph Neary, Mark Martin and Rebekah Cain

Public in Attendance: Danielle Bell and Lisa Green-Derry

Absent: Charleen Blache, Catherine Pierson, Brian Egana, and Stephen Rosenthal

Larry Kullman called the meeting to order at 5:29pm

1. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting
 - (a) Alison Hartman motioned and Greg St. Etienne seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Gregory St. Etienne presented the Facilities Committee Report
 - a) Larry reported on progress of FirstLine's FEMA funds being utilized for the building of Arthur Ashe Charter School. FEMA does not need any additional information from us at this time.
 - b) Joe Neary and Greg St. Etienne presented the Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual.
 - b) The Facilities Committee motioned to approve the Procurement Policies and Procedures Manual, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Alison Hartman presented the Governance Committee Report
 - a) Alison led a discussion of the Board Meeting Schedule for 2013-14 year. Due to the active committees the Governance Committee is suggesting a lower number of board meetings for the next fiscal year. This topic will be added to the November board meeting for a decision.
4. CEO Updated: Jay Altman presented the recently released school performance scores
5. Other Business
 - a) Jay presented information on teacher and school leader bonuses, based on 2011-2012 achievement. This is related to the Teacher Incentive Fund grant.
 - b) Darleene Peters motioned to approve the teacher and school leader bonus payments as proposed, up to \$424,000 (which was budgeted). Alison Hartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- c) Larry Kullman led a discussion of the option to return eligible schools to OPSB control. The governance committee does not recommend any change at this point, and recommends to the board to not make any changes while waiting to see if the long-term governance structure for the city's schools will facilitate the long-term success of the schools. The motion passed unanimously.
- d) Alison Hartman motioned to support the Louisiana Association of Public Charter Schools Guiding Principles for Local Public School Governance. Greg St. Etienne seconded. Vote was tabled until the next meeting, to ensure further deliberation.

6. Mark Martin gave a presentation about Langston Hughes Academy.

Kim Henry moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:20pm. Alison Hartman seconded. The motion passed unanimously.