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## Board Meeting Minutes

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### Date and Time

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 6:00 PM CDT  
Foundation Prep. – PD Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

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**Present:** D’Juan Hernandez, Brooke Wyatt, Mark Heck, Dante Green, Adrienne Celestine

**Absent:** Dan Waldman, Scott Champagne, Peter Jones,

**Guests:** Myrialis King, Kevin Cox, Jermaine Smith

### I. OPENING ITEMS

- A. Record Attendance and Guests
- B. Call the Meeting to Order
- C. Approve Meeting Minutes

Heck made motion to approve, Wyatt seconded. Unanimous approval.

### II. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- A. Winter Data Updates

Finished MAPP, finalizing STEP. Waldman will have update next board meeting

### III. GOVERNANCE

- A. Board Eval Tool and Timing

Did not have a governance meeting since last meeting. Table this item until last meeting

- B. Status of Board Development

Item tabled until next meeting.

- C. New board member - Jermaine Smith.

Motion by Green to add Smith to the Board, seconded by Wyatt. Unanimous approval to add to board.

- D. Nomination of Co-Chair

Green has volunteered to serve as co-chair. Unanimous approval.

- E. Board Leave Policy

Jones has been called to active duty. Prompted discussion of board leave policy. Motion by Heck to vote on a resolution to approve up to a year of leave of absence for Jones, to be revisited in a year. Unanimous approval. Governance Committee will take up the issue of a leave policy.

#### **IV. CONTRACT OF HEAD OF SCHOOL**

Motion by Heck to amend the agenda to discuss contract of head of school. Seconded by Wyatt. Unanimous approval.  
Motion to go into executive session by Heck. Seconded by Wyatt. Unanimous approval.

#### **IV. DEVELOPMENT**

##### **A. February Updates**

Submitted Rosa Marie application last week for \$135,000 for 3 tier wellness program. Submitting updated IMH application tomorrow.

#### **V. FINANCE**

##### **A. FY 20 Budget**

January financials were not ready at last meeting. Will go over both January and February financials next meeting. Reviewed the budget and everything is balanced and looks good. Cypress has large special needs population, assuming additional funding will travel with students; also have conservative staffing levels.

##### **B. FY 20 Budget approval timeline**

Will vote on the budget at the next finance committee meeting to bring to the March Board meeting for review and have a vote of the Board in April.

#### **VII. HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT**

##### **A. Updates**

Round 1 ended last week. Anticipated a little more than half of Cypress students will attend. Working with OPSB to do facilities close out and move out of current location. Heck will attend next walk through to work with them. Nelson move out: King is working with New Beginnings to make that happen before July. Currently in the middle of hiring season. Hired several Cypress Academy teachers. Sending new and existing teacher to NC in the summer for intensive self-contained training. We have been doing full inclusion, Cypress does self-contained. Will need to have a self-contained room for existing and new students. New data person is creating a page for Cypress parents on the website. King has been accepted as a Kellogg cohort. King joined Children's Hospital steering committee.

#### **VIII. CLOSING ITEMS**

##### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

Heck made a motion to adjourn meeting, Green seconded. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

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