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GEO ACADEMIES - GARY, INDIANA

GOVERNING BOARD

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2018 @1:00 PM

4030 W 5TH AVE, GARY, IN 46402

PROJECTED DURATION: 1 HOURS AND 4 MINUTES

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

Name	Status	Arrival Time	Departure Time
Arlene Colvin	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Alyce Butler	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Jena' Bellezza	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Lisa Edwards	not present		
Dana Gore	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Katrina Hudson	not present		
Dakita Jones	not present		
Theodore McClendon	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Nadine McDowell	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Charles Swanson	present	On Time	At Adjournment
Arlene Pearson	not present		

WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by Arlene Colvin Board Chair at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Passed Motion:

Approve the agenda as submitted

By: **Alyce Butler** Seconded by: **Nadine McDowell**

Discussion:

There was no notable discussion on the motion.

INTRODUCTIONS

Kevin Teasley introduced new GEO team members, Marlon Lewellyn and Emily Burke to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JUNE 14, 2018

Passed Motion:

Approve the minutes as presented.

By: **Charles Swanson** Seconded by: **Nadine McDowell**

Discussion:

There was no notable discussion on the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Osborne, from the Authorizer for Gary Middle College West, Indiana State Charter Board, was welcomed.

21ST CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOL: PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Anthony Cherry, Principal, gave an update on the start of school, noting a 90% retention of teachers. Current enrollment is 875, and we are currently filling from the waitlist to reach the 900 full enrollment goal. There are 350 students on the waitlist.

Principal Cherry also reported on the success of the Sylvan partnership with summer school students who needed to pass the ECA test for graduation.

GARY MIDDLE COLLEGE EAST: PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Joe Arredondo, Principal gave his Start of School Update. The school is fully staffed and ready to go, with high enrollment, with 325 between both schools (East and West.) He expected continued high demand for enrollment over the next few weeks.

GARY MIDDLE COLLEGE WEST: PRINCIPAL REPORT

Joe Arredondo, Principal gave an update on the preparations for the opening of the school, noting the final construction on the inside, and the community reception. Students are beginning to be more receptive now that they see the new facility is open and renovated.

The Board discussed the sharing of staff between schools for cost savings.

21ST CENTURY CHARTER SCHOOL: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Dana Teasley, Treasurer - Review of 2017-18 Year End Financials

Passed Motion:

Approve the Financials as Presented

By: **Jena' Bellezza** Seconded by: **Alyce Butler**

Discussion:

The Board discussed the financials.

GARY MIDDLE COLLEGE EAST: FINANCIAL REVIEW

Dana Teasley, Treasurer - Review of 2017-18 Year End Financials

Passed Motion:

Approve the Financials as Presented

By: **Jena' Bellezza** Seconded by: **Alyce Butler**

Discussion:

The Board discussed the financials.

NEXT MEETING - MOTION

Passed Motion:

Motion to discuss the financials in dept at the next meeting, and hold it at the regular time, noon.

By: **Alyce Butler** Seconded by: **Nadine McDowell**

Discussion:

For - Nadine McDowell, Alyce Butler, Jena Bellaza, Arlene Colvin

Against - Charlie Swanson, Theo McClendon

NEXT MEETING - MOTION

Failed Motion:

Motion to hold the next meeting on Sept 13 at 5 pm.

By: **Charles Swanson** Seconded by: **Theodore McClendon**

Discussion:

For: Charles Swanson, Theodore McClendon, Jena Bellazza

Against: Alyce Butler, Nadine McDowell, Arlene Colvin, Dana Gore

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board discussed the need for new space at 21st Century.

ADJOURN

Passed Motion:

Adjourn at 2:00 p.m.

By: **Alyce Butler** Seconded by: **Theodore McClendon**

Discussion:

There was no notable discussion on the motion.