

CSI Board Meeting Minutes, April 23, 2015

Call to Order, 6:40 pm

A. T.-Cotton presides. All current board members are present either in person or via conference call.

- L.M. Motions to adopt the Agenda, S.T. Seconds motion. It is unanimously adopted.
- Minutes: L.M. Motion to approve March minutes with the following changes:(1. Include work of CSI with Columbia International University students under Head of School Report. 2. Correctly spell "SWOT" analysis. 3. Clarify by adding "No vote was taken during Executive Session.") S.T. Seconds the motion. The minutes are unanimously approved with the three changes.

There are no Public Comments

HEAD of SCHOOL REPORT

Curriculum and Instruction Update: Tamika Lowe

- Many testing events between now and mid-May. MAP data provided. Students vs. Teachers basketball game May-4-15 celebrating growth and progress!
- Professional Development: teachers take Aspire practice test.
- Weekly Cluster meetings going well
- "Common Language" working well
- The debriefing is mutually beneficial after CSI collaboration with Columbia Int'l Univ!
- Music Composition added to curriculum (Mr. Akers)
- Mr. Thomas had bowling program/Physical fitness
- Public Schools Options Rally attended by CSI. Natondi Mokeba introduced his mother who spoke! Zharia Samuels sang beautifully on State House steps.

School Logistics/Upcoming Events: Nurse Hurt

- Jump Rope for Heart Campaign ends tomorrow
- Field Day tomorrow, military sponsor, volunteers, Mike Genoa Karate, etc
- Talent Show- 50 students, student led!
- SGA and Art Club: beautification of garden. Garden party to celebrate Earth Day

VDM:

- Thank you to Ms. Lowe for all the much appreciated dedication and hard work!
- Thank you to Nurse Hurt for all she does! Both they and other staff work very hard for "Team work makes the dream work"!
- Ms. Lowe working with RCRC for gym access partnership! Poison Ivy removal in back. RCRC still maintains the school grounds under contract.
- Sheriff's Dept. contract needs modifying regarding current situation. Owes \$13,000 per year going on three years.
- New R1 superintendent to visit CSI May 7, 2PM.

• School Board Elections Timeline:

School Board members elections timeline (see attached) motion to accept LM, second ST. Unanimous vote to accept the timeline for electing new members.

- **May 23, 2015 Board Retreat date, motion to delay until after new board members elected. Motion by JE, seconded by ST. Unanimous vote to delay retreat.**

Finance Committee Report: Bill Moser

- Budget for next year ready for May First Reading, June Second Reading
- JE motion to accept Budget Report Notes as information, ST second. Vote to accept it as information is unanimously voted on.
- Staff contracts must go out ASAP, salaries contingent upon R1 budgeting.

Vote to enter Executive Session

(motion ST, second JE, unanimous vote to enter Exec. Session, 7:35PM)

Exit Executive Session at 8:15 PM

No vote was taken in Executive Session.

- LM motions for the following, ST seconds motion:
 - To allow for a Guidance position
 - To allow for a 3% salary increase for employees depending upon R1 budgeting for it
 - To have lawyer review letter submitted by a former staff person submitted during Public Comments Session of previous Board Meeting, as it pertains to grievances stated and amount owed

The vote was unanimous by the Board.

ST motions to adjourn the meeting, TE seconds. The meeting is adjourned at 8:20 PM