# Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes October 15, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shirley Franklin, Greg Giornelli, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Cheryl

Lomax

**STAFF PRESENT:** Karen Amos, Barbara Preuss, Ryan Shepard

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Cita Cook

### CHERYL LOMAX CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 1:08 PM WITH A QUORUM (4 OF 4)

**TOPIC:** Minutes of the August 18, 2018 Board Meeting

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: Made by Ingrid Saunders Jones to approve the August 18, 2018 minutes.

ACTION: Seconded by Shirley Franklin and carried without dissent.

## **Special Topics:**

#### **TOPIC:** Audit Report

**DISCUSSION:** 

 Cindy Ethridge, Partner & Jessica Story, Senior Manager from Warren Averett presented the Audit Reports for Purpose Built Schools Atlanta, Inc. The auditors reviewed the Consolidated Financial Statement Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. The financial statements received a favorable unmodified opinion from Warren Averett. Cindy also informed the Board about upcoming industry financial statement presentation changes for FY19.

### **TOPIC:** FY19 Budget Amendment

**DISCUSSION:** 

 Karen Amos, Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget adjustment decreasing both revenue and expenditures due to enrollment deficits from October FTE counts.

MOTION: Made by Greg Giornelli to approve the FY19 Budget Amendment.

ACTION: Seconded by Shirley Franklin and carried without dissent.

#### TOPIC: Financial Statements

DISCUSSION:

 Karen Amos presented highlights of the FY19 financial statements through August 31, 2018.

#### **TOPIC:** Organizational Priorities

**DISCUSSION:** 

 Greg Giornelli, CEO announced this school year PBSA is continuing to develop our Organizational Culture and we are identifying "The Purpose Built Way" at all schools. Greg also noted the results of an all-staff survey at the school level reflected the need for professional development and growth opportunity. For the current school year every Friday afternoon is devoted to Professional Development.

## **Standing Updates:**

# **TOPIC:** Instructional Updates

DISCUSSION:

- Barbara Preuss, Head of Schools discussed PBSA School Demographics and percentage of directly certified students. Barbara reviewed comparison of overall school achievement in all subjects prior to PBSA contract against current state. CCRPI is being loaded in Principals portal today and scores will be out in next couple weeks
- Barbara also provided an update on the Social Emotional Learning Program (SEL). The Program is seeing good results, referral rates are down significantly at Slater, Price and THES. Barbara noted the consistency of dedicating the first 25 minutes of each day to the Second Step Program are contributing to success of the program.

# **TOPIC:** Community Engagement Update

**DISCUSSION:** 

 Ryan Shepard, President, announced there were two finalists for the Community Engagement Director position that will meet with the Senior CEP Team. Ryan has been providing leadership for the Community Engagement team in the interim and there are no immediate plans to fill the Chief Community Officer position.

# **TOPIC:** Operations Update

**DISCUSSION:** 

 Ryan announced his departure from PBSA for CARE International. Cheryl Lomax, Board Chair thanked Ryan for his service.

## **TOPIC:** Closing Comments

**DISCUSSION:** 

 Greg Giornelli announced the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,	
Karen Amos	
Chief Financial Officer	