

Baltimore Teacher Network
Board Meeting – Principal Interviews for Board of Directors
June 22, 2015
5:00p

Board Members in Attendance: Kris Sieloff, Matt Wernsdorfer, Shanelle Hopkins, Anthony Pena, Jared Thornton “J.T.”, Charisse Paige, Sherrie Howell, Gwen Mullen, Angela Newman, Mark Matthews, Curtis Pope

Staff in Attendance: Elijah Etheridge, Ron Howell, Sidney Brooks, Kia Harper, Leah Abrams, Kim Johnson

Welcome by Matt, President of the Board

Icebreaker

Approval of Minutes from previous meeting - JT makes motion Kris 2nd unanimously approves with no edits or correction.

Finance Committee – Leah Abrams

Leah presented BTN’s budget from May
BTN’s budget was approved.

Shanelle presented BTN’s budget. BTN is in a pretty good financial budgeting standing. Elijah explained the difference in the budgeted amount verse the actual paid amount for the over enrollment seeing a \$28,000 - \$30,000 defecate in BTN’s budget.

Kia Harper

Presented ConneXion’s budget – see attached

J.T. bought to the attention of the body that he feels uncomfortable with approving the budget with a negative number. Kia in return, left with the accountant to redo the budget with a positive income balance for the approval of the budget.

Voting on Slate of Officers

Matthew Wersndorfer – President

“JT” Jared Thornton– Vice President

Shanelle Hopkins – Treasure

Angela Newman– Secretary

Addenda to the slate of officers recognize Ms. Howell as legal counsel on the board for the board. Matt asked to see that in a proposal for the next board meeting.

Suggestion was made to change the bi-laws to appoint an adhoc committee.

Matt relinquished chair to Ms. Howell, esquire for the voting of officers.

Ms. Howell asked each candidate to give an opening statement and why they would like to serve in the respective offices.

Matt Wernsdorfer – candidate for President

BTN made a remarkable year. Schools are getting to a much healthier place. Board has seen enormous amount of growth through Elijah and Ron. I submitted the paperwork for the 501c3 for BTN and would like to see this through. I would like to see myself as president.

“JT” Jared Thornton – candidate for Vice President

I am new to BTN. I like to think that I am not afraid to voice my opinion and pose questions that need to be asked and others many not want to ask. As a HR professional for 24 years and a part of the selecting of the principals I served a key role. Moving forward I would assist with building the communication between the schools and BTN by creating one portal by branching out. I too have goals working with Matt, Shanelle and Angela and Ms. Howell.

Ms. Hopkins – This is been very rewarding sitting on the board of the nonprofit. I am an educator at heart and I am enjoying being apart of the board and would hope to continue to service in the role as treasure.

Ms. Newman – I am very new to BTN. The opportunity was presented to me at the Inaugural Ceremony of Independence and ConneXions SGA. As a parent this was a remarkable opportunity to serve on my sons school board. As a board I didn't see a whole lot of parent participation. As a participant of a nonprofit board, I have something to bring to the table and something to learn. I am looking forward to bringing my experience of nonprofit and civil rights to the table.

Ms. Howell opened the floor for other nominations for:

President – there was none

Vice president – there was none

Treasure – there was none

Secretary – there was none

All candidates are running unopposed

Matthew Wernsdorfer – candidate for President – unanimously voted into office
“JT” Jared Thornton– Vice President – unanimously voted into office
Shanelle Hopkins – Treasure -- unanimously voted into office
Angela Newman– Secretary – unanimously voted into office

Kia Harper and Leah Abrams returned with the new budget with a \$98.00 in the black. See attached. JT moved adopted Anthony Pena 2nd – unanimously adopted budget

Executive Director’s Report – Elijah

Caswell is working from home and official date of retirement July 1, 2015.

Office admin team Gwen Mullen, Erik Sunday, Vesna and Dan Hall

Roseboro has met with the CAO and CEO and will be peep at the Board Meeting on June 30th

Fundraiser – Date has been moved to October 22nd for additional planning. Board is responsible for a table. We are asking staff and teachers to purchase 2 tickets at 120-160 tickets.

Ms. Newman as invited Ben Jealous as guest speaker.

Anthony Pena as invited Eric Mike Dyson and will confirm after his book deal

Development efforts – submitted 3 proposals last week. We are working on a \$400,000 grant for 21st Century Learning Center. Scholars in Service. Scholars in Service will run 3 days a week and Saturday for community service. Students will do community service by going into the hospitals doing presentations to the sick and shut in. This is the service piece in Scholars in Service. We are also thinking about offering kids a stipend for kids.

Staff Retreat – Is scheduled for August for both schools. Monday, August 17th for Leadership, August 18th – 20th all staff

Elijah proposed skipping July’s board meeting. Proposed meeting is July 27th. JT stated that a meeting in July would be necessary in order to roll out the new employee handbook to be voted on and rolled out to staff at retreat.

A motion was carried for meeting on July 27th and no meeting in August 2015.

6:36 went to executive session

Session went back into open session.

Decisions made in closed session:

- 1) In the future, any non-renewal of contracts should include notice two weeks previous to the termination
- 2) The Executive Director's requested compensation package was approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:32pm