

William A. Lawson Institute for Peace and Prosperity

November 17, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Hether Benjamin Brown
Dr. Toya Roberts Conston
Catherine Mosbacher
Imogen Papadopoulos
Mary Ramos
Morris Smith
Yolanda Smith
Kimberly Wilkinson

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Terence Frederick
Gerald Womack

STAFF/GUESTS

Cheryl Lawson, Executive Director
Dr. Marthea Raney, Principal
Annette Simmons, Business Manager
Terrell Hutchinson, Special Education Director
Sherrill Burge, TEA Monitor

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- 1. Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Toya Conston at 9:35 a.m.
- 2. Establishment of Quorum.** The quorum was established at 9:35 a.m.
- 3. Opening Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Public Comment.** There was no public comment.
- 5. Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2018.** Imogen Papadopoulos moved approval of September 22, 2018 minutes. Catherine Mosbacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

The Lawson Academy Agenda

A. Academy Report. Director's report from the Academy was reviewed. Instructional Rounds process was described as a strategy to increase teacher effectiveness using peer faculty. Planned professional development for all faculty was reviewed, and Principal Raney indicated that team planning and improved instruction is visible as a result of Region IV class attendance. Special Education Policies were introduced by Special Education Director Terrell Hutchinson. The policy binder was reviewed by board members. Kimberly Wilkinson moved the approval of Special Education Policies. Morris Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

B. Recruiting & Parent Engagement. Apply Houston flyer was reviewed. The Lawson Academy is one of only 10 school districts to participate in this electronic enrollment solution. So far, 28 students have applied for August 2019 enrollment. Student attendance is above 98% year-to-date.

C. Superintendent's Report. Governance forms were reviewed for submission to TEA by December 1, 201. Depository Contract for TEA was discussed. Permit has been approved for SPARK Park, project is expected to be complete in March, 2019. Still awaiting approval of left-turn lane on Scott Street.

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Agenda time: 10:37 a.m.

6. Governance and Nominating Committee Report. The 5 Bold Steps graphic was reviewed and discussed. Catherine Mosbacher moved acceptance of 5 Bold Steps Vision for WALIPP Senior Residence. Kimberly Wilkinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson. Cheryl Lawson will send email announcing the January 11-12, 2019 Lone Star Governance training (all day Friday and Saturday). Location for training will be The Lawson Academy. There will be no December, 2018 Board meeting, instead the Board meeting will take place during lunch on either January 11 or January 12, 2019.

7. Finance and Audit Committee Report. Annette Simmons reported on the September and October financial reports. Notice of Grant Award for Title I, Title II and Title IV was reviewed.

8. Executive Director's Report. Executive Director Cheryl Lawson presented an update on fund raising. Holiday letter was reviewed and discussed. Kimberly Wilkinson committed to send names to be included in the holiday mailing. ABM Copier contract was reviewed. Fed Ex accident damage is underway and expected to be reimbursed by Fed Ex insurance (\$1,500).

D. Executive Session. Opened Executive Session at 11:05 a.m. Ended Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.

E. Adjournment. Catherine Mosbacher moved approval of the ABM Copier Contract. Morris Smith seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson. Imogen Papadopoulos moved adjournment. Catherine Mosbacher seconded the motion. The motion was approved by H. Brown, T. Conston, C. Mosbacher, I. Papadopoulos, M. Ramos, M. Smith, Y. Smith and K. Wilkinson.

Meeting ended at 11:22 a.m.