Democracy Prep Baton Rouge

Minutes
Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday March 3rd, 2020 at 6:00 PM

Location
4055 Prescott Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70805

Directors Present
E. Martin, C. Lamond, E. Campbell, A. Goodart

Directors Absent
J. Richey, M. Walters

Guests Present
M. Gieg, L. Jones Easton, K. Anker*, C. Raymond*, J. White*, A. Ntem* Sidni Shorter

*Participated via Conference Line

I. Opening Items
1. Record Attendance and Guests
2. Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. Martin called a meeting of the Board of Directors of Democracy Prep Baton Rouge to order on Tuesday, February @ 6:05 PM at 4055 Prescott Rd. Baton Rouge, LA.
C. Approve Minutes

Ms. Goodart made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4th, 2020 Board Meeting pending updates on attendance. Ms. Lamond seconded the motion.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion pending updates on attendance.

D. Public Comments: None

II. Finance Committee Update

A. Updated Financials

Budget vs. Actuals (BVA) through January

Collin Raymond, Senior Financial Manager with Charter School Business Management (CSBM), and Jackie White, Controller for Democracy Prep Public Schools (DPPS), presented on the adjusted BVA through January.

Review and Approval of DPBR 2018 Draft Tax Return (Form 990)

Mr. Raymond and Ms. White reviewed the DPBR 2018 Draft Tax Return and noted that once reviewed and approved, Eddrick Martin, DPBR Board Chair, would need to sign the e-file 8879 form before submitting to the auditors.

Ms. Goodart made a motion to accept the draft for DPBR’s 2018 Tax Return and to authorize Mr. Martin to sign the e-file 8879 on behalf of DPBR. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The board VOTED unanimously.

III. School Update

A. School Update

Ms. Gieg shared some strategic goals for academic and enrollment growth in alignment with DPBR’s mission and in response to the DPBR’s renewal.
III. Network Update

A. Network Update

Linda Jones Easton, Executive Vice President for DPPS, provided the network update.

IV. Governance and Material Items

A. Board Development Discussion

Ms. Sidni Shorter introduced herself to the board and provided a brief biography about her work experience and interest in being a DPBR board member.

Ms. Goodart motioned to approve Sidni Shorter as a member of the DPBR board and Ms. Lamond seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Fundraising Strategy Conversation

Continuing the conversation from February’s board engagement, the board and Ms. Gieg discussed fundraising efforts.

VI. Executive Session

Ms. Campbell made a motion to transition into executive session for the Board to discuss litigation strategy with counsel regarding the litigation asserted in federal court by Belfor USA Group, Inc. vs. DPBR and East Baton Rouge Parish School System, Civil Action no 3:20-cv-00096-BAJ-RLB.

Ms. Lamond seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

Ms. Goodart made a motion to conclude the executive session, Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Furthermore, Ms. Goodart made a motion to approve Mr. Martin to retain counsel on behalf of DPBR and authorize him to execute any documents necessary for the retention. Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

There was no public comment.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

The Board unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted, E. Martin