



**MAEF Public Charter Schools  
dba ACCEL Day and Evening Academy  
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Tuesday, January 15, 2019  
8:30 AM

**MINUTES**

**Members present:** Charlotte Greene, Jordan Jones, Rob McGinley, Richard Perry, Mark Spivey and Sarah Stashak

**Members absent:** Bernadette Burroughs, Lance Covan, Ernest Gwinn and Henry O'Connor

**Staff present:** Carolyn Akers, Chandra Scott, Jeremiah Newell, Michelle Parson and Janice Rivers

**Guest present:** Nash Campbell and Jean McCutchen

***School Leaders Report, Jeremiah Newell***

- Jeremiah discussed the negative and inaccurate news story that was run by WPMI 15. The article stated that the first charter school in Alabama received a failing grade on the Statewide school report card. Jeremiah explained to the board that this was false. The school received an "ID" grade which means incomplete data. The numeric grade of "42" does not represent the score we would have received if the state had issued a complete report card. Dr. Newell has had numerous calls with the State in which they have apologized and stated that they would like to come for a visit and explain to the board how grade reporting works for charters.
- Jeremiah shared and reviewed the Academic Achievement Comparison of all High Schools and High Poverty High Schools in Mobile County.
- We have about 80 ACCEL students that we are working with and hoping to graduate this year. Graduation will be May 21, 2019 at the Saenger Theater.
- Administering ACT on February 20, 2019.
- We did launch Dual Enrollment this Semester. We have 25 students enrolled in dual enrollment classes.
- Established a Senior Advisory system to closely monitor progress of students in smaller groups.

## **Board VP, Rob McGinley**

- Called the meeting to order at 9:01am
- Roll Call of all present

### **ACTION ITEM #1-Approval of Minutes**

*Rob McGinley asked for a motion to approve the December 11, 2018 BOD Minutes.*

Charlotte Greene made the motion; Mark Spivey seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

Next, Jeremiah Newell discussed the expanding ACCEL Day and Evening Academy to grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> and answered any question from the board. He believes this can be submitted as an amendment to our current Charter contract allowing us to not have to submit a new Charter Application. MAEF will lead strategy on communication with funders regarding grade expansion.

### **ACTION ITEM #2- Move to suspend the rules and add action item to board agenda (Submission of the expansion for grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>)**

Rob McGinley asked for a motion to suspend rules and add this action item to the board agenda.

Charlotte Greene made the motion; Mark Spivey seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

### **ACTION ITEM #3-Approval to submit amendment to charter contract to add grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> (Middle School)**

Rob McGinley asked for a motion allowing the school leader to move forward with submitting the expansion of grades 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> per approval by the Academic Excellence Committee and Board Chair.

**Charlotte Greene** made the motion; Richard Perry seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

## **ACTION ITEM #4-Approval to renew SchoolMint Subscription**

***Rob McGinley asked for a motion to approve the SchoolMint Subscription.***

Charlotte Greene made the motion; Sarah Stashak seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

## **Committee Reports:**

### ***Marketing and Development Committee:***

- Sarah Stashak reviewed a copy of a proposal from JJPR agency, which is a public relations marketing and events firm. The board can decide if we want to use this firm for the needs of the school.

### ***Governance and Operations Committee:***

- Rob McGinley reported that he, Carolyn Akers, Jeremiah Newell and Henry O'Connor spoke to Emily Schultz, Senior Manager of Policy and State Advocacy at National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, about getting an amendment to charter school local funds. She has been very helpful and supportive of this request. Ms. Schultz also came for a visit to ACCEL school on January 10, 2019 with Leadership Alabama.

### ***Academic Excellence Committee:***

- Jordan Jones reported that the committee has begun to look at space that is available for adding a middle school. Jordan told the board that one of the spaces was the Virginia College's building. Jordan then described to the board how that space looked.
- Jeremiah said he has spoken to the new owners of the building that we are currently in now and they are very willing to accommodate us with more space.

### ***Financial Report:***

- **Mark Spivey reported that there are two items that need to be approved by the ACCEL Board.**
  1. Commercial Note
  2. Revolving Note

**ACTION ITEM #5- Move to suspend the rules and add two action items to board agenda.  
(1. Commercial Note 2. Revolving Note)**

Rob McGinley asked for a motion to suspend rules and add two action items to the board (1. Commercial Note 2. Revolving Note)

Mark Spivey made the motion; Charlotte Greene seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

**ACTION ITEM #6-Approval of Commercial Note**

*With their being no further questions from the board, Rob McGinley asked for a motion to approve the Commercial Note.*

Mark Spivey made the motion; Sarah Staskak seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

**ACTION ITEM #7-Approval of Revolving Note**

*With their being no further questions from the board, Rob McGinley asked for a motion to approve the Revolving Note.*

Mark Spivey made the motion; Jordan Jones seconded the motion. Rob McGinley called for a vote, and it was passed with a 6-0 vote.

Rob McGinley adjourned the meeting at 10:10AM.

Respectfully submitted by,



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ACCEL Board Secretary



Janice Rivers  
MAEF PCS Staff