

**East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy
Board Meeting
August 24, 2011
1:00 pm**

Present:

Stephanie Wright
Darryll Miller
Rita Jacque Gillis
John Artis
Joseph Costanza
Al Dubin, CSDC

Charlotte Jackson, ECUEA Director
Josh Samuelson, AQS
Tim Ricordati, AQS
Vito Bianco, AQS
Jasmine Mitchell, ECUEA Regional Manager
Elizabeth Silerio, ECUEA

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:15pm by Mrs. Wright.

II. Roll Call

III. Approval Minutes

Approval of minutes called for by Mr. Artis. Mr. Miller motioned and Mrs. Gillis seconded. The motion carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- Mr. Samuelson states that there are no unusual circumstances this month and that the school remains in good standings, before continuing with the financial report Mr. Bianco would like to talk about the quotes for painting the walls, he states that the budget is very tight and in order to do all the painting in the building something would have to be cut out from the budget, Mr. Samuelson suggests that we cut 2 aide positions. Mrs. Gillis thinks that a staff cut is not a good idea. Mr. Samuelson states that the way the budget was written, we only have \$5,000.00 in revenue over expenses. Mr. Bianco suggests that a detailed cleaning can be made to the walls instead. Mrs. Gillis wants to know if the quotes were given by companies based out of Illinois. Mr. Samuelson says the company is based out of Bridgeview, IL. Mrs. Gillis recommends that we use Indiana contractors whenever possible. Mr. Samuelson says that AQS is open to any suggestions the Board has. Mrs. Wright suggests doing the project in phases; Mrs. Gillis thinks it can be done over the course of 2 – 3 years.
- Mr. Bianco Presents the Board with a study done on the East Chicago Demographic Analysis.
- Mrs. Gillis has some concerns about the board packets being sent at least a week before the meeting and if it will be mailed out or sent thru email, in the future all board packets will be mailed out 1 week before the meeting and only 1 extra copy will be made for the board meeting.
- Ms. Jasmine Mitchell introduces herself as the Regional Manager who will be supporting East Chicago this year working very closely with Mrs. Jackson and the Team Leaders.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report called for by Mrs. Wright. Mr. Artis motioned and Mrs. Gillis seconded. The motion carried.

V. Items Requiring Board Action

- Mrs. Gillis requests that a copy of the EC Demographic Analysis be sent to her via email.

A. Monthly Payables

Mr. Samuelson requests that the Board members sign 1 copy of the outstanding and the paid accounts report for the state of Indiana's auditing purpose.

Mr. Miller moved approval of the payables. Mrs. Gillis seconded. The motion carried.

VI. American Quality Schools Update

- Mr. Al Dubin from Charter School Development Corporation (CSCD) returned to give the board the footprint, for the proposed Charter High School as well as a detailed financial report. Mr. Dubin will forward a power point presentation on the company's history to Mrs. Gillis.
- Mr. Dubin stepped out and the Board proceeded to discuss and decide on the proposed Charter High School taking into consideration the EC Demographic Analysis, Marketing/Advertising, the impact that 3 buildings will have on the budget.

Mr. Miller voted yes to the proposed Charter High School

Mrs. Gillis voted yes to the proposed Charter High School

- Construction will begin on February 15th

Mrs. Wright moved approval of the proposed Charter High School. Mr. Artis seconded. The motion carried. All in favor.

A. Director's Report

The Director's report from Mrs. Jackson included:

- Total enrollment of 443 students as of 8/23/11.
- 37 withdrawals from ECUEA and the reasons for withdrawal.
- Number of students on the waitlist per grade.
- The academic report included a comparison graph of ECUEA and area schools as well as a 6 year comparison of ECUEA's performance on ISTEP.
- Total student suspension's and expulsion's as of 8/23/11
- A detailed description of the paint bid as well as the repairs on the modular.
- Update on the police summons issued by the ECPD.
- Community/Parent Events: Open House, 1st PIA meeting.
- The Office of Charter Schools will hold an important meeting for all BSU authorized charters and they strongly encourage attendance from the charter schools Board Representatives.
- Ball State Training OCS is offering board training.
- Mrs. Jackson provided the Board with a directory of all ECUEA staff for 2011-2012 as well as the ECUEA board tracking report that was requested by Mr. Padilla in the previous board meeting.
- Mrs. Jackson supplied the board with the ECUEA Remediation/Improvement Plan 2011-2012
- 2 proposal's from Stewart America's Premier Sign Company for a new outside sign.

VII. Old Business

- Proposed Charter High School

VIII. New Business

- ECUEA Remediation/Improvement Plan 2011-2012
- The Office of Charter Schools will hold a meeting for all BSU authorized charters on Wednesday, September 14, 2011.
- Ball State Board Training in October and November.

IX. Board Contributions

- Email from Mr. Padilla

X. Adjournment

Mrs. Wright moved for adjournment at 3:10 pm. Mr. Artis seconded. The motion carried.