



Board of Education Organizational Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2024

Powell 9th Grade Academy – Media Center

- Called to Order** 6:00 p.m. Called to order by President, Anita Banach.
7 members present. 0 members absent.
- Pledge of Allegiance** Led by the Board
- Approved** Agenda for January 8, 2024 Organizational Meeting. Demas moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved
- Ms. Banach suggested having 1 combined public comment and moving it, along with the board discussion, before the closed session.
- Celebrations** Dr. Robinson mentioned Board Appreciation Month and thanked the board members for their service.
- Presentations** None
- Approved** **Consent Action Items.** Rice moved. Eichhorst supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Minutes from Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2023
- Approved** **Organizational Meeting Resolutions**
- **Resolution #1 – Election of Officers**
Mr. Antoine made a motion to nominate Anita Banach to serve as President, Chris Young as Vice President, Katherine Rice as Secretary and Rachel Eichhorst as Treasurer. All accepted. Demas moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #2 – Designation of a Depository of School Funds**
Demas moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #3 – Approval of Authorized Official District Signers**
Eichhorst moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
 - **Resolution #4 – Designation of Day, Place and Time for Regular Meetings of the Board of Education**
Conner moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Dr. Demas mentioned the feasibility of having the meetings held at different locations throughout the district. Mr. Young agreed and felt it would be a good way to showcase the work that has been done in the buildings and stated he would definitely like to see the high school as one of the locations. Ms. Banach brought up

some challenges that could arise by the location changes. Dr. Robinson mentioned the possibility of doing this quarterly, beginning with the workshop meetings.

- **Resolution #5 – Designation of the Electronic Transfer Officer (ETO)**

Young moved. Demas supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Resolution #6 – Appointment of Administrator to Post Public Meetings**

Young moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Eichhorst asked if there are other places to post the notices besides the building entrances. Dr. Robinson mentioned that they are posted online. Ms. Rice mentioned the possibility of including them as part of the weekly announcements.

- **Resolution #7 – Approval of District Legal Representation/Resources**

Young moved. Conner supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Antoine asked for clarification on which law firm we use for what. Dr. Robinson clarified what each firm handles for the district.

Ms. Rice asked if the board could contact Miller-Johnson directly with questions. Dr. Robinson responded that they should probably go through him.

**Informational
Updates/New
Business**

Communications – Dr. Robinson reminded the board of the MCSBA meeting on 1/23/24.

Committee Reports

1. Policy meeting will be held on January 11th
2. Facilities meeting will be held on January 16th
3. 2024 Subcommittee membership & Organizational Liaisons – A draft meeting schedule was shared with the board. Ms. Banach will get the schedule set and it will be shared at the regular meeting.

Ms. Banach asked the board to email her with their desires if they would like to change committees.

Ms. Rice mentioned that if there are a large number of topics for the policy meeting, she would recommend making it a committee of the whole. Ms. Banach reminded that there are 2 readings which gives the full board the option for review and discussion. Dr. Robinson mentioned if there is a level of concern, another subcommittee of the whole could be called after the 1st reading.

Superintendent’s Report

Construction Update – The bid process is coming to a close for the Croswell playground and sitework equipment approvals and will be brought to the 1/22 meeting.

Election Update – Dr. Robinson mentioned a local-only ballot for those that may not want to vote in the primary and that absentee ballots will be available after January 18th. Election lobby boards are being delivered to the schools next week and will be put on display.

Public Comment

None

**Board Discussion/
For the Good of
the District**

Mr. Young stated he was grateful for the committee of the whole for the safety & security meeting. He reminded the public to vote and encouraged voters to vote yes.

Mr. Antoine thanked the middle school choir students and their parents for their wonderful singing.

Ms. Banach stated that they gave Dr. Robinson a “highly effective” rating and she read an evaluation statement. She thanked Dr. Robinson and everyone on behalf of the board for the Board Appreciation gifts and cards.

Approved

- **Closed Session – Superintendent Evaluation**

Young moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

6:52 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of Superintendent’s Evaluation. Roll Call: 7 members present.

7:42 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Conner moved. Young supported. Roll call: 7 members present. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:45 p.m. Banach moved. Rice supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Mike Antoine, Secretary _____