

**Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc.**  
Linwood Public Charter School  
401 W. 70<sup>th</sup> Street · Shreveport, Louisiana 71106

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**Board of Trustees Meeting**

**MARCH MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting was held at 331 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street and via zoom (Meeting ID: 267 635 4207) on **March 27, 2023, at 4:00 PM.**

**Board Members Present:** Gard Wayt, Travis Morehart, Lauren Marchive, Dr. Bernard Kimble, Cynthia Franklin, Buck Magee, Mildred Tolliver, Lori Graham (zoom), Sheryl Nix (zoom), Dr. Kerry Laster (zoom)

**Leadership Team/Staff/Contractors Present:** Dr. Staughton Jennings, Jennifer Hamilton-Myles, Shirley Pierson, Tara Sealy, Shonda Bryant, Camille Cruse, Aaryenne Strickland, Marilyn Johnson-Preston, Cheradee Williams, Richard Hilliard; Kevin Cox of 4<sup>th</sup> Sector

**Call to Order:** Mr. Wayt called the meeting to order at 4:08 pm.

**Quorum Check:** A quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda:**

- Dr. Kimble moved to approve the agenda as presented.
- Ms. Toliver seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the agenda was approved.

**Conflict of Interest Advisements:** There were none.

**Visitor Comments:** There were none.

**Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:**

- Mr. Magee moved to approve the February 27, 2023 minutes as distributed.
- Mr. Marchive seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the February 27, 2023 minutes were approved as distributed.

**Financial Report:**

Kevin Cox of 4<sup>th</sup> Sector presented the February Finance Report. See the [link](#) for details.

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the February Finance Report as presented.
- Ms. Franklin seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the February Finance Report was approved.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Dr. Jennings gave the Executive Director's report. (Consent agenda reports were sent electronically for the board's review prior to today's meeting.) The floor was opened for questions.

**Consent Agenda Reports**

***(Items included: Academics, Operations, Marketing/Recruitment, Student Activities and Human Resources)***

**Board Q & A**

**Operations**

**Parking Lot**

The parking lot cost is estimated at a half a million dollars. Mr. Marchive recommended waiting until we receive bids on the new campus renovations to determine how to proceed with the parking lot project. The bid

advertisement on the new campus should go out this week.

### **Boiler Bid Status**

Ms. Lewis shared that the new boiler has been ordered and should arrive soon.

### **Human Resources**

Ms. Myles shared that we have attended several job fairs and will host our own job fair on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the Consent Agenda reports as presented.
- Dr. Kimble seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the motion was adopted.

**Board Chairman's Report:** Mr. Wayt provided the Board Chairman's Report.

### **Weight Training and Teacher Training**

Mr. Wayt reported that there was a great exhibition at LSUS last week. Ms. Pierson shared that there was great feedback from students.

### **LSUS Partnership Conference**

Mr. Wayt reported that we should hear from our point of contact next week about the details of the LSUS Partnership conference, scheduled for April 28<sup>th</sup> at LSUS.

### **LDOE Update**

Mr. Wayt shared that he spoke with the school's attorney, Lee Reid, about the contract with Morgan Ripski, the consultant that is conducting the CEO's evaluation process. Mr. Wayt stated that the attorney provided appropriate language to include in the contract. Mr. Morehart read the statement from the attorney and made a motion to include it in the contract.

- Mr. Morehart moved to ratify and approve a contract with New Schools of Louisiana in regard to the CEO evaluation process with an effective date of March 1, 2023 and granting the Chair of the Board the authority to execute this contract.
- Mr. Marchive seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

Mr. Marchive mentioned that the LDOE emailed the school a letter about recommendation for teacher pay raises.

- Mr. Marchive moved to write a resolution to the legislature about supporting pay raises for teachers.
- Ms. Toliver seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor.

### **BOT/ Leadership Conference**

There was no new report.

### **Aquaponics Update**

Dr. Laster shared her concerns about the school paying for the program without having the curriculum. Mr. Wayt reported that the curriculum is expected by the end of this month or beginning of next month. Mr. Wayt also confirmed that the school will still receive the DCAI credits. The board suggested to ask for a reduction in the program's cost for the second year, because we did not receive the curriculum the first year.

Dr. Jennings will review the contract and re-negotiate the terms and conditions.

### **Superintendent Visits**

Mr. Wayt reminded the board that the State Superintendent will visit the 331 E. 71<sup>st</sup> Street location at 1 PM on April 27.

**Unfinished Business:** Mr. Magee asked the board if any member contacted our BESE board representative. Mr. Wayt shared that he attended the BESE board meeting but was not able to meet with the BESE representative. Mr. Wayt will follow up with the BESE representative this week.

Mr. Magee informed the board that there will be a local clergy and pastors meeting at the 331 E. 71<sup>st</sup> location on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am. The school will provide transportation.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Executive Session:** There was no executive session.

**Adjourn:** Mr. Magee moved, and Dr. Kimble seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 PM. All voted in favor.

**Please mark your calendars.**

The next meeting will be on **April 17, 2023**, at **4:00 PM**