

Shreveport Charter Schools, Inc.
Linwood Public Charter School
401 W. 70th Street ~ Shreveport, Louisiana 71106

Board of Trustees Meeting

DECEMBER 2024 MEETING MINUTES

This meeting was held at 331 E. 71st Street and Zoom Meeting (ID: 267 635 4207) on December 10, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: *In-Person:* Gard Wayt, Travis Morehart, Dr. Whitney Polley, Dr. Kerry Laster, Mildred Tolliver, Sheryl Nix, Lauren Marchive, Buck Magee, Lori Graham

Leadership Team/Faculty: *In-Person:* Dr. Staughton Jennings, Shirley Pierson, Richard Hilliard, Jennifer Hamilton-Myles, Tara Sealy, Wanda Austin-Lewis, Marilyn Johnson-Preston, Letisha Williams, Shoyla Bryant, Aaryenne Strickland, Ella Dotson, Cassandra Anderson

Contractors Present: *Virtually:* Kevin Cox (*4th Sector Solutions*), Andrew Nguyen (*4th Sector Solutions*), Dr. Jonathan Williams (*Edusolve Consultants*)

Call to Order: Mr. Wayt called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Quorum Check: A quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda:

- Dr. Laster moved to approve the agenda as presented.
- Mr. Morehart seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the agenda was approved as presented.

Conflict of Interest Advisements: There were none.

Visitor Comments: There were none.

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting:

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the October 2024 minutes as distributed.
- Mr. Magee seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the October 2024 minutes were approved.

Financial Report:

Mr. Wayt asked Mr. Kevin Cox from 4th Sector Solutions and Mrs. Wanda Austin-Lewis to review the previously presented Financial Report from October 2024.

Approval of October 2024 Finance Report as presented at the November BOT meeting:

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the October 2024 Finance Report as presented at the November 2024 BOT meeting.
- Mr. Magee seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor of the motion to approve the October 2024 Finance Report as presented at the November BOT meeting.

Executive Director's Report

Approval of the LA SB207 Law - Cell Phone Policy with the addendum:

(Addendum: Parents would be notified and phones would not be kept at the school. They would be returned at the end of the day.)

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the Cell Phone Policy with the addendum as presented at the November meeting.
- Mr. Magee seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor of the motion and the Cell Phone Policy with the addendum was approved.

EduSolve Consultants, LLC. Contract:

Dr. Jennings requested to approve a \$5,000 increase in the contract with EduSolve Consultants LLC. (Dr. Jonathan Williams) from \$50,000 to \$55,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

- Mr. Magee moved to approve the EduSolve Consultants LLC. contract as presented.
- Dr. Polley seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor of the motion and the EduSolve Consultants LLC. contract was approved.

Consent Agenda Reports Received

Consent agenda reports were sent electronically for the board's review prior to today's meeting. The floor was open for questions. *(Reports included: Academics, Operations, Marketing/Recruitment, Human Resources)*

Approval of Consent Agenda Items:

- Mr. Magee moved to approve the Consent Agenda reports as presented.
- Mr. Marchive seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the Consent Agenda reports were approved.

CEO Evaluation/Bonus

Dr. Jonathan Williams, EduSolve Consultants LLC., presented the 23/24 scores and evaluation measures for Dr. Jennings. As a result, Dr. Jennings requested distribution of his 23/24 bonus of \$15,000 bonus and bonuses for the leadership team of \$7,000 each.

Approval of distribution of 23/24 CEO and Leadership Teams bonus:

- Dr. Laster moved to approve the distribution of the CEO and Leadership Teams bonus as presented.
- Mr. Magee seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the distribution of the bonuses were approved.

Dr. Jennings requested the board to distribute a Holiday Incentive to all staff of \$500.

Approval of distribution of a \$500 Holiday Incentive to all staff:

- Mr. Morehart moved to approve the distribution of the Holiday Incentive to all staff as requested.
- Mr. Magee seconded the motion.
- All voted in favor and the distribution of the bonuses were approved.

Board Chairman's Report: *(provided by Mr. Wayt)*

Renovations of the 2nd Campus

Mr. Wayt stated that Mr. Marchive could not make it today but there was a thorough discussion already about the 2nd campus.

CEO Evaluation Process

Mr. Wayt stated that this process is almost complete.

LSUS Weightlifting Partnership

Mr. Wayt reported that everyone is still very excited about the Weightlifting partnership and the way it's going.

RSD Update

Mr. Wayt stated that he is working with Stacey Melerine to coordinate the best date for her visit.

Unfinished Business:

Mrs. Anderson re-presented the Brick Project Fundraising initiative to fund the purchase of the playground equipment for the Elementary School campus.

New Business: There was none.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2025, at 4 p.m.