

Memphis Merit Academy

MINUTES

9.17.2020 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 5:34 PM

Location

Via Zoom due to COVID-19 (coronavirus)

School closed due to COVID-19 pandemic
Memphis Merit Academy Charter School
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Memphis, TN 38118
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PUBLIC COMMENT AT MEMPHIS MERIT ACADEMY BOARD MEETINGS - An opportunity for the public to address the Board will be provided at the conclusion of the agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on any item are requested to identify themselves and indicate on which agenda item they wish to speak. The Board will provide an opportunity for the public to speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes, unless granted additional time at the discretion of the Board. Testimony shall be limited in content to matters pertaining to Memphis Merit Academy. The Board may not take any action on matters discussed during the public testimony period that are not listed on the agenda.

Board Members Present via Zoom:

A. Allen (Angelia)
T. Barnhill (Teresa)
K. Dixon (Kacy)
K. Gibbs (Kathy)
A. McBride (Aurelia)
M. Moore (Melisa)
B. Schmiedicke (Brad)
Victoria Ragland (Victoria)

Others Present:

Nida Rab (Edtec)
Tamika Kemmons-Ford*
L. Booker (Lakenna)*
B. McCline (Betty)*
V. Jackson

I. Opening Items

A. Attendance taken and recorded

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Brad called the meeting of the Board of Directors of Memphis Merit Academy Charter School to order on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 5:35 pm Central via Zoom due to COVID-19. Quorum of 5 present. No visitors from the public.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

No Public Comment

B. Welcome

III. Agenda

A. Approval of Agenda

Teresa moved.

Aurelia seconded.

Agenda approved.

B. Approval of 8.20 Board Meeting Minutes

Aurelia moved.

Teresa seconded.

Minutes approved.

C. Presentation of Monthly Financial Review—Nida Rab

No motion needed

July & August results

D. Acceptance of Monthly Financial Review—Nida Rab

Angelia moved to accept the motion.

Teresa seconded the motion.

Financials accepted.

E. Development Action Plan Presentation

Begin Board Fundraising within the It Takes a Village development plan.

Each Board member to:

- Raise \$500 within this fiscal year
- Participate in virtual book drive by sharing list via their social media channels
- Participate in #givingtuesday campaign for MMA from VMLY&R

F. Head of School's Update

a. Enrollment. Over-enrolled. 100% virtual.

b. COVID-19 School Re-entry. MMA will follow Shelby County.

c. Parental Involvement. University Night was a great success. Students were able to showcase what they've been learning thus far and the thematic integration of HBCUs. Parent Merit Committee meeting next week.

d. Development. Rotary Club of Memphis. Raised nearly \$13k via selling chocolates for the Little Mr./Little Ms Memphis Merit competition.

e. Facilities. Needs for additional spaces for classrooms due to COVID-19.

f. Recruitment. Will kick off scholar recruitment early this year (Oct.). Will engage parents and staff for staff recruitment efforts this year.

IV. Other Business

A. Finance Committee Updates: (A. Allen)

B. Governance Committee Updates: (M. Moore)

C. Academic Achievement Committee: (B. McCline)

E. Development Committee: (T. Barnhill)

V. Closing Items

VI. Adjourn Meeting

Teresa moved.

Angelia seconded.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Barnhill, Board Secretary

* 8-44-102. Open meetings -- "Governing body" defined -- "Meeting" defined. (a)All meetings of any governing body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times, except as provided by the Constitution of Tennessee...(ii) The provisions of this subdivision (b)(1)(E) shall not be construed to require the disclosure of a trade secret or proprietary information held or used by an association or nonprofit corporation to which this chapter applies. In the event a trade secret or proprietary information is required to be discussed in an open meeting, the association or nonprofit corporation may conduct an executive session to discuss such trade secret or proprietary information; provided, that a notice of the executive session is included in the agenda for such meeting. (iii)As used in this subdivision (b) (1) (E): (a)"Proprietary information" means rating information, plans, or proposals; actuarial information; specifications for specific services provided; and any other similar commercial or financial information used in making or deliberating toward a decision by employees, agents or the board of directors of such association or corporation; and which if known to a person or entity outside the association or corporation would give such person or entity an advantage or an opportunity to gain an advantage over the association or corporation when providing or bidding to provide the same or similar services to local governments; and (b)"Trade secret" means the whole or any portion or phrase of any scientific or technical information, design, process, procedure, formula or improvement which is secret and of value. The trier of fact may infer a trade secret to be secret when the owner thereof takes measures to prevent it from becoming available to persons other than those selected by the owner to

have access thereto for limited purposes.