

Rocketship Public Schools -- DC
MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2021

Board Chair Joey Sloter called the meeting to order at 1:05pm. In attendance were Chair Joey Sloter, Barry Rosenthal, Melissa Martin, Justin Bakewell, Matt Aaron, Rena Johnson, Rose Waller, Kamauzu Saunders, and Rashida Tyler. Other attendees included CEO Preston Smith, DC Executive Director Candice Bobo, Julie Sele, Michael Rabin, and Joyanna Smith. Board member, Zakiya Reid, joined the board meeting at 1:10pm and Keshia Battle joined the meeting at 1:30pm.

Board members, Rahman Branch and Rashida Tyler, were not in attendance.

I. Consent Items

On a motion introduced by Joey Sloter, carried by Barry Rosenthal, and seconded by Justin Bakewell, the Board voted 9-0 to approve the consent agenda which included minutes from the June 8, 2021 Board meeting. The consent agenda also included a revised Campus Access and Visitor Policy and a new appointment of Byron Johnson, to the Board. Kamauzu Sanders moved to approve the consent agenda and Melissa Martin seconded the motion.

II. Mission Moment

Candice Bobo, Executive Director, presented a Mission Moment through a video and shared a few parent quotes for the Board in order to remind us of the “why” behind the work.

III. Staff, Board, and Committee Chair Updates

- A. Committee Chairs, Justin Bakewell and Melissa Martin shared Business Committee and Achievement Committee updates, respectively.
- B. Candice Bobo shared a brief talent update.
- C. Ms. Joyanna Smith shared a brief development update.
- D. Michael Rabin, Associate Director of Schools, shared updates on school wide areas of focus and the NWEA plan and timeline.
- E. Candice Bobo shared brief updates on school reopening which included closing cohorts and the quarantine policy, guidance on the virtual option, the vaccine mandate for staff, and attendance updates.

IV. Business Items

A. SY21-22 Budget Updates - Julie Sele; Enrollment Updates -Candice Bobo

Julie Sele, Director of Finance, shared that the Business Committee met on September 7, and shared a brief Report. She also asked the entire Board to approve the updated budget for SY 21-22. Board member Justin Bakewell moved to approve the updated budget and Matthew Aaron seconded the motion. The Board approved the motion unanimously with no abstentions.

VII. Closed Session

There was no closed session.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

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