

Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2019

Presiding: Margaret Ellibee, Chair

Members Present: Chris Amsler (via teleconference)
Margaret Ellibee
Brian Marsh
Miguel Lopez
Elroy Willoughby (via teleconference)
Kristen Wilkinson (via teleconference)
Jonathan Crossley

Members Not Present: Margaret Bates
Cassandra Green

Staff: Tomiko Davis
Sylvia Murchison
Cindy Varner

Call to Order

Chair Margaret Ellibee called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. **Chair Ellibee** called roll and recognized a quorum with seven of nine members present.

Item 1: Minutes of the January 17, 2019 Meeting

Miguel Lopez made a motion to approve the minutes. **Brian Marsh** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 2: Operations Report

Tomiko Davis reviewed the school report for term 3 and 4 that was included in the agenda packet.

- **Tomiko Davis** brought forth to the board Professional Staff Recommendations. *David Hand* will be teaching Financial Foundations and will also be the new EAST Facilitator. *Amanda Savage* will be the new humanities teacher. *Samantha Keiser* is the new English teacher. *D'Antoinnette Ross* is the new Assistant Director of the Drop In Center. **Chris Amsler** made a motion to approve the Professional Staff Recommendations. **Jonathan Crossley** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- **Cindy Varner** presented a School Nurse Services Contract to the Board. The contract calls for a part time on call school nurse to asses students in the event of an accident or a medical emergency. The absence of a School Nurse is the only thing holding the Excel

Center back from becoming an Accredited Charter School. **Brian Marsh** made a motion to approve the School Nurse's Contract. **Chris Amsler** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3: Financial Report

Sylvia Murchison provided a financial report for The Excel Center providing the following information: Consolidated Balance Sheet, Statement of Changes in Fund Balances, Summary of Revenue, Summary of Expenditures, and a Bank Reconciliation for the month of December 2018. As of December 31, 2018, The Excel Center had monthly expenditures of \$65,920 and cumulative expenditures totaling \$729,912. The financial reports with accompanying notations are included in the agenda packet. She made note of the report cells highlighted in red as having cleared in November rather than the planned month of December. Those items included revenue, management services fee, and facility rental. **Brian Marsh** made a motion to approve the financial reports for December 2018. **Chris Amsler** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4: Employment Waiver Request for Classified Employee (Ark. Code Ann. 6-17-414(g))

Elizabeth Burch petitioned the Board for an employment waiver of disqualifying offenses that have prevented her from being hired as The Excel Center's Office Manager, a classified position. The Board reviewed the age at which the incident was committed; the circumstances surrounding the incident; the length of time since the incident; subsequent work history; employment references; character references; and other evidence demonstrating that the applicant does not pose a threat to the health or safety of students or school personnel. **Miguel Lopez** made a motion to approve the employment waiver for Elizabeth Burch. **Brian Marsh** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The employment waiver and waived offenses are on file at the offices of Goodwill Arkansas Education Initiatives, Inc.

Item 5: New Business

Cindy Varner reminded members that the annual Statement of Financial Disclosure is due to the Arkansas Secretary of State's office no later than January 31, 2019.

Item 6: Adjournment

Chair Ellibee requested a motion to adjourn. **Miguel Lopez** made a motion to adjourn the board meeting. **Chris Amsler** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



Chair Signature

2-1-19
Date

Cindy Varner
Board Recorder