

**Meeting of the Board of Directors of
Southwest Detroit Community School**
4001 29th Street
Detroit, Michigan 48210

**Meeting Minutes - Approved
October 25, 2017**

I. Call to Order (by Ryan Young, Board President) and Roll Call

The meeting began at 5:39 p.m.

Present: Sophia Chue, Ryan Young, Sandra Zull

Absent: George Bradford, Cindy Gamboa

Others in attendance: Christian Anderson, Kelley Davis, Frank Donner, Heather Gardner, Jill Geden, and JD Smith.

II. Board Welcome

The board president welcomed everyone to the meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

The Board made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the following items to

VIII. Consent Items:

c. Motion to authorize the board president to approve and sign the Settlement and Mutual Release Document between Lighthouse Academies and Southwest Detroit Community School.

d. Motion to authorize the board president to approve and sign the lease agreement between Lighthouse Academies and Southwest Detroit Community School.

Moved by: Sandra Zull

Seconded by: Sophia Chue

Approved by: All Approved

IV. Public Comments (limited to agenda items)

There were no public comments.

V. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes

The board approved the meeting minutes from the board meeting held on August 23, 2017.

Moved by: Sandra Zull

Seconded by: Sophia Chue

Approved by: All Approved

VI. Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes from Strategic Planning Meeting

The board approved the meeting minutes from the board meeting held on September 19, 2017.

Moved by: Sophia Chue

Seconded by: Sandra Zull

Approved by: All Approved

VII. Discussion Items

Frank Donner gave the board an overview of the M-Step scores from spring 2016 and the academic interventions that have been put in place.

Pat Sweeney of Croski and Lanni, PC delivered the results of the 2016-2017 annual audit to the board.

Melissa Day gave an update on the financial status of the school as of September 30, 2017.

Heather Gardner discussed with the board actions that are being taken to try to purchase the school building. She also reviewed the agreements with Lighthouse Academies that are being presented to the board. Finally she shared the outcome of the union vote that was taken by the staff which resulted in the teachers and social worker choosing to be represented by AFT/MIACTS.

The board was reminded of action items related to the strategic plan that still need to be completed.

VIII. Consent Items

The board made a motion to engage with ClearScope advisors on the Municipal Advisor Contract.

Moved by: Sandra Zull

Seconded by: Sophia Chue

Approved by: All Approved

The board approved the 2016-2017 Annual Financial Audit as presented by Croskey and Lanni.

Moved by: Sophia Chue

Seconded by: Sandra Zull

Approved by: All Approved

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IX. Authorizer's Comments

J.D. Smith of Grand Valley State University Charter Schools Office shared the results of the 2016-2017 Academic Grant program and the requirements for the 2017-2018 Academic Grant program.

X. Announcements

The next board meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2017.

XI. Public Comment and Discussion (Related to Non-Agenda Items)

There were no public comments.

XII. Motion to Adjourn Meeting


Moved by: Sophia Chue

Seconded by: Sandra Zull

Approved by: All Approved

Meeting concluded at: 7:32 p.m.

The above minutes were duly adopted on 11/29/2017 by the Southwest Detroit Community School's Board of Directors at a properly noticed open meeting held at which a quorum was present.



Submitted by Ryan Young, President