Special Call Board Meeting
July 21, 2014
Oak Campus
6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Board Members Present:
Chad Phillips, President
Marvin Lyman, Vice President
Pam Gard
Dr. Margaret Anderson
Joe Langle
Jon Otto
Tracey Lewis

Board Members Absent:
Dave Cozad
Harriet Plowman
Mike Zeller

Staff Present:
Elimane Mengue

Guests Present:
DeVonia Merino, The Studio, LLC
Ike Francis, The Studio, LLC

Chad Phillips, President, opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Cherry Building Expansion Bid Matrix Presented – DeVonia Merino, The Studio LLC
Ms. Merino, Project Manager, provided a breakdown and explanation regarding the bids received to date for the Cherry Campus expansion. There were four bids submitted and one bid eliminated. Discussion followed with Ms. Merino explaining the bid process and how points were awarded to each construction company based on information submitted in their bid. Lengthy discussion continued regarding bid process, qualifications of bidders, and other detailed information pertaining to the bids, contractor responsibilities, etc.

It was recommended that references and feedback from past contracts awarded to the prospective bidders be obtained. Further discussion followed regarding Diggs Construction Company, which topped the bid process meeting all qualifications. It was discussed that a contract be negotiated with Diggs.
Motion
Chad Phillips moved to authorize the Academie Lafayette administration to negotiate a contract with Diggs Construction Company for the six-classroom expansion of the Cherry St. Campus.

Dr. Margaret Anderson seconded.

Discussion
It was explained that the attorney for the school would draft the contract. The question was raised as to whether or not the contract will be signed at this time or after more information is obtained and discussion followed.

Motion was approved with one abstention by Marvin Lyman due to having clients who may possibly be involved in bidding on sub-contracts related to the school project.

High School Update
Marvin Lyman stated that Académie Lafayette is continuing to talk to donors interested in helping with the high school funding endeavor. The requirements/expectations to match donor funds required to start the high school at Southwest Campus was discussed.

Marvin Lyman mentioned that there is concern in the community regarding the displacement of current Southwest students. The goal is to keep those students together and there is a group of community leaders who will be working to assist with this transition. Also, information was provided regarding the contract from Académie Lafayette, which will be developed and presented to the Kansas City School District concerning possession of the building.

Suggestion made to pursue a walk through of Southwest High School with the Kansas City School District representatives before the negotiations are made to determine costs involved to renovate and upgrade the building to ensure that it will meet the needs and expectations of Académie Lafayette. Also, discussed was the funds expected to be invested in the building by Academie Lafayette. Joe Langle then asked if a consultant could be hired to go into Southwest to determine what renovations are needed. It was also recommended that a coordinator be hired to assist with the inspection of the building in terms of renovation, etc. A clear and concise method of obtaining information regarding the building and each aspect of starting a high school was recommended. The question of who will be responsible for each aspect of starting the high school was raised with regard to a complete budget to include: curriculum, staffing, books, renovations, operational expenses, enrollment process, etc. Elimane Mbengue and Marvin Lyman will contact the school’s attorney hired to work on the contract and will also check into inviting an outside contact to participate in the management aspect of the project. The Board discussed the need to make a determination of the architectural firm who will assist with design and renovations of the building.
Adjournment

President, Chad Phillips at 7:50 p.m, adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carlos McClain
Secretary to the Board