



MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2014
Frederick Campus

MEMBERS PRESENT: Julie Bourne; Sheryl B. Cooper, Ph.D.; John Ertel, Ph.D.; Dennis Galvan, Ph.D.; Ernest Hairston, Ph.D.; Roslyn Hannibal-Booker; Sandy Harriman; Stephen Hlibok; Robin Kittleman; David Martin; Debra Patkin, Esq.; Jennifer Smart, Ph.D.

SUPERINTENDENT: James E. Tucker

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer Lake

INTERPRETERS: Myra Foley and Bobbie Quinn

President Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

The Board held their committee meetings.

History of The Maryland Bulletin presented by Mr. Larry Newman, MSD Publication Specialist: Mr. Newman shared a presentation with the Board on the history of The Maryland Bulletin. See file for copy of handout shared with the Board.

Board Members toured the Frederick Campus.

Recognition of Athletics/PE Department Staff: Principal Kevin Strachan introduced the staff of the Athletics/PE Department and explained that they all put in long, dedicated hours to make the programs a success. President Martin recognized and thanked Mr. Andy Bonheyo, Mr. Mathis Hediger, Mr. Peter Badavas, Ms. Touria Ouahid-Boren, Ms. Roberta Monroe, and Mr. Joe Fritsch and presented them each with a certificate.

Open Forum: None.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the Agenda - **SECONDED – PASSED.**

A **MOTION** was made to approve the September 2014 minutes – **SECONDED – PASSED.**

President’s Report: President Martin shared that he and the Superintendent continue to meet on a regular basis. President Martin recognized that Mr. Allan Kittleman won the election for Howard County Executive and offered congratulations on behalf of the entire Board to Ms. Kittleman.

Vice-President’s Report: No report.

Secretary's Report: No report.

Treasurer’s Report: Dr. Ertel shared that an official letter will need to be written in order to gain access to the Board’s BB&T bank account. The Board will need to elect a new Treasurer.

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Superintendent's report: Superintendent Tucker shared that the enrollment at MSD is healthy at approximately 515 students. Superintendent Tucker and Ms. Schwertman met with DBM regarding the FY16 budget. The community is still submitting feedback on the IT Master Plan Draft. The fall play *Aladdin* opens tomorrow night. The volleyball team won the Spike Out volleyball tournament for the second year in a row. The School's 150th year Anniversary will be celebrated in 2017.

Executive Committee Report: No report.

Education Committee Report: Ms. Kittleman shared that the committee discussed on safety in general. The school is facing challenges trying to keep up with the Common Core Curriculum and with the new Teacher Evaluations.

Fiscal Matters/Facilities Management Committee Report: Mr. Hlibok shared that Ms. Schwertman met with the committee. The committee is recommending that the BB&T bank account be closed out.

Personnel Committee Report: Ms. Patkin shared that the committee discussed that the Superintendent's evaluation should be handled internally.

Student Life Committee Report: President Martin reported the committee discussed changing the committee name to Student Affairs and the upcoming 150th Anniversary celebration plans.

Trusteeship Committee Report: Dr. Cooper shared that the committee is continuing to collect names for possible nominations and that there will be a focus on diversity.

A **Motion** was made to open Old Business - **SECONDED – PASSED.**

Old Business:

1. 2012 Board Retreat Goals: Discussion on the Board's role took place. The Board's job is to ensure the overall success and continuation of the school. The Board can accomplish this by building relationships with the Stakeholders; by being data savvy and using the data to reach out to the Counties; and by developing a basic 5 year and 10 year plan. The Local Community is the School and the Extended Community is outside of the School. There was also a discussion that improvements should be made to the School's web-site to make it easier to find information.

A **Motion** was made to close Old Business - **SECONDED – PASSED.**

A **Motion** was made to open New Business - **SECONDED – PASSED.**

New Business:

1. A **MOTION** was made to close out the BB&T bank account and move the funds to the Foundation – **SECONDED – PASSED.**

A **Motion** was made to close New Business - **SECONDED – PASSED.**

A **MOTION** was made to close the meeting at 4:00 pm– **SECONDED - PASSED.**
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Roslyn Hannibal-Booker

The Board evaluated itself upon the conclusion of the meeting on a scale of 0 to 5 with 0 being bad and 5 being excellent. All gave a score of 5, except for one member who gave a score of 8.

All members expressed that the meeting was really good.