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Frederick Campus *Established 1868*
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Meeting Minutes
February 19, 2016
Columbia Campus

MEMBERS PRESENT: Benjamin Bahan, Ph.D.; Julie Bourne; Sheryl B. Cooper, Ph.D.; Robert Davila, Ph.D.; John Ertel, Ph.D.; Dennis Galvan, Ph.D.; Ricardo Hernandez, Ph.D.; Stephen Hlibok; Robin Kittleman; David Martin; Cynthia Neese-Bailes, Ph.D.; Robert Padden, Denise Perdue; and Jennifer Smart, Ph.D.

SUPERINTENDENT: James E. Tucker

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL: William Fields

RECORDING SECRETARY: Jennifer Lake

INTERPRETERS: Myra Foley and Brenda Kelly-Frey

President Martin called the meeting to order at 9:53am.

The Board broke out into their committees to meet.

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

President Martin went through the Announcements on the back of the Agenda.

A **MOTION** was made to approve the November 2015 minutes as written – **SECONDED** – need to correct misspelled name - approved with corrections as noted - **PASSED**.

President's Report: President Martin welcomed Mr. Robert Padden to the board. Dr. Davila and Mr. Padden shared their experiences in Annapolis for the confirmation. Mr. Hlibok will be the liaison between the Foundation and the Board and he will provide the Board with highlights on what the foundation is doing. MSD hosted a big tournament, the Clerc Classic. The tournament was very good.

Vice President's Report: Ms. Bourne thanked the committee chairs for preparing agendas for their committee meetings. Ms. Bourne reminded the committee members to contact the MSD Staff on their committees so that they can prepare for the meeting as well. Ms. Bourne went with Dr. Galvan to BB&T to resolve the bank account

Secretary's Report: No report

Treasurer's Report: Dr. Galvan shared that the proper paper work was completed and the process to access the account is working. Discussion on the approved motion from a previous meeting to close out the BB&T account and move it over to Foundation account occurred. Dr. Galvan suggested leaving the account open to have easy access to money. President Martin asked Dr. Galvan to follow the already passed motion and close out the account. Dr. Galvan shared that the money in the larger account has gone down some because of the economy but recommended it was best to leave the money as is.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Tucker shared that the Budget hearings in Annapolis went well both with the Senate and the House. Two bills have come up that have MSD in them. Senate Bill 21 wants to move all of the teachers into the Professional Skills category. The language of the bill is already codified in state law so the bill is not necessary. It has been recommended that a summer study should be conducted. The second bill is Senate Bill 422 but it's actually for MSB to fix their funding formula, however when the bill was drafted it was noticed that the MSB and MSD were comingled so the language was cleaned up and made more clear. MSD is now interviewing for the two positions, Columbia Campus Principal and Frederick Campus School Psychologist.

The Clerc Classic tournament was very good, but a little overwhelming. Security is an issue. MSD doesn't host it again for another 6 years but discussions on the matter have already begun. There will be possibly a \$30,000 profit from the tournament which will go straight to the Booster Club to continue to support the athletic programs. The spring play, Beauty and the Beast, is coming up soon.

Recognition Event: Ms. Ortiz introduced Mr. Stephen Covington and explained why he is such a wonderful asset to MSD. He goes above and beyond every time to make MSD a better place for both students and staff.

The Board broke for lunch at Eggspectation.

Open Forum: No one signed up.

Discussion took place on how to make the public more aware of the Board meetings.

Presentation on PARCC results, Accreditation/Strategic Plan and Testing at MSD by Ms. Stacey Bundy, Director of Student Achievement: (a copy of the presentation has been placed in the file) Ms. Bundy will contact MSDE regarding some of the discrepancies. A discussion on the test scores took place.

Ms. Bundy reviewed the process of accreditation with the Board and shared that 90% of Maryland public schools have shifted over to a strategic plan. If MSD moves to a Strategic Plan the steering committee will monitor the progress and accountability. Frederick County Public

Schools (FCPS) uses a strategic plan. Perhaps someone from FCPS could come and present to the Board. Superintendent Tucker stated that a formal recommendation was not being made at this time, as this was to share information to begin a dialogue. Ms. Bourne asked for data from other district schools to see how much time, cost, etc. are associated with a strategic plan.

Executive Committee Report: No report.

Education Committee Report: Dr. Neese-Bailes shared that the committee is without a chair at this time. For the next meeting the committee would like for the school to bring an acquisition plan for ASL and English.

FM/FM Committee Report: Dr. Galvan shared that they went through the budget with Ms. Schwertman. Water pipe construction at the Frederick Campus will hopefully begin this summer. Dr. Galvan shared the process for accessing the account managed by the Foundation and the process for accessing funds in the BB&T account. Dr. Galvan proposed that the Board reconsider leaving the BB&T account open. Dr. Galvan will secure a debit card for the BB&T account too. A **MOTION** was made to keep the BB&T account open – **SECONDED – PASSED.**

Student Life Committee Report: Ms. Jennifer Yost Ortiz will be new MSD Staff representative when she assumes the Dean of Students position at the Frederick Campus in July. President Martin asked that the Dean of Girls and Dean of Boys be present at the next board meeting.

Trusteeship Committee Report: Dr. Cooper shared that the Board is supposed to have 19 members. Currently there are 16 members and 4 people's second term expires in October, therefore there are 7 potential vacancies on the board. Potential new members were discussed today and members of the committee will reach out to them. If you have any suggestions please send the committee their names and contact information.

Old Business: None

From now on time will be set aside on the agenda for Mr. Hlibok to report on the Foundation.

Superintendent Tucker shared that Clarence Taylor's conviction was overturned. Mr. Fields explained that it doesn't mean the court is saying he's not guilty but rather that he has the right to have his trial reheard. A discussion took place.

New Business:

Ms. Kittleman shared there is proposed bill to makes changes to the hearing aid loan bank to make it more flexible.

Dr. Hernandez thanked MSD staff for putting together the information on testing. Dr. Hernandez wondered if it was appropriate to offer the information to the commission tasked with reviewing testing (HB 452). A **MOTION** was made for Mr. Tucker and staff to reach out to the new commission and share MSD's information on testing – **SECONDED – DISCUSSION** – to ensure that we have proper representation and our findings regarding our assessments are shared because according to the bill there is no Special Education representation on the committee – **PASSED**.

A **MOTION** to invite one group of students to a meeting in the fall and in the spring (1 time at Frederick and 1 time at Columbia) to join the Board for lunch – **SECONDED – PASSED**.

A **MOTION** to close new business – **SECONDED – PASSED**.

A **MOTION** to adjourn meeting at 3:49pm - **SECONDED – PASSED**.

Respectfully,

Roslyn Hannibal-Booker

The Board evaluated itself on a scale of 0 to 5 with 0 being bad and 5 being excellent. The scores ranged from 4 to 5.

The strengths that the Board expressed regarding the meeting were good discussions and the meeting was run well. The weakness discussed was a technical issue with the size of the PowerPoint presentation.