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Board Minutes  
September 7, 2021

Clarence Vappie, President  
Cecile Coleman, Member  
Stacy Judice, Member  
Anita Breaux, Member

Alison Provost, Vice President  
James Evans III, Member  
Ann Junca, Member

Call to Order by Mr. Vappie Roll Call: Present: Clarence Vappie, Alison Provost, Cecile Coleman, James Evans, III, Ann Junca and Anita Breaux. Absent: Stacy Judice. This meeting was to make up for the regular scheduled meeting on August 30, 2021, that was canceled due to Hurricane Ida.

Mrs. Provost motioned with a second by Mr. Evans to dispense with the reading approve the July 26, 2021 minutes with noted typographical errors, with no objections.

Mr. Vappie informed the board that he had removed his name from the President candidate list due to previous obligations to other boards he was a member of, he wanted member to know that he may have to miss one or two meeting per year before the nomination. After a short discussion, Mr. Evans motioned with a second by Mrs. Breuax to keep the current officers in effect Mr. Vappie as President and Mrs. Provost as Vice President, with entire board approval.

Mrs. Segura presented the board with the 2021 – 2022 Annual Operating budget for review and approval. After a lengthy discussion, Mrs. Coleman motioned with a second by Mrs. Breaux to accept the presented budget and resolution for approval by the entire board. Approved board resolution approving the 2021 – 2022 Budget states: “Whereas, the 2021 – 2022 budget of V. B. Glencoe Charter school board has been recommended for adoption by the Chief Financial Officer, be therefore, Resolved, that the 2021-22 budget of V. B. Glencoe Charter School presented as an attachment to the board resolution, is hereby approved and shall be allocated. Resolved, that the Chief Financial Officer shall be given the authority to adjust and reallocate budget line items as necessary to continue operations as long as the net fund balance of the approved budget does not change.”

Mr. Stacy Judice joined the meeting late.

Mr. Vappie informed the audience that the Board members had received the structural report from the approved architect firm of the St. Joseph Property. Mrs. Segura reported that the report showed to update the St. Joseph Property would cost an estimate of 8.5 million dollars 1.5 million dollars less than the approved new construction project, with no guarantee that the cost would not rise when the updates began. Mrs. Breaux advised that she felt the report included updates to the parking lot and others things she felt unnecessary. Mrs. Breaux motioned with a second by Mrs. Junca to open the floor to audience comments. Mrs. Glenda Huddleston, former attorney of the Board and board member advised that she was concerned with the area of the new building due to the location so close to the coast and possible hurricane damage. After a lengthy discussion about insurance costs,

increased transportation costs due to the location of the St. Joe Property, Mrs. Breaux motioned to have at least 2 town hall meetings and a parent survey, with a second by Mrs. Coleman. The motion failed with a vote of 2 Yeah, Mrs. Breaux, and Mrs. Coleman, 3 nay, Mrs. Provost, Mr. Evans, Mr. Judice and Mrs. Junca undecided. Mrs. Junca motioned with a second by Mrs. Breaux to have a virtual video presentation and a digital survey of parents and community members. The motion failed with a 4 – 3 vote. Yeah – Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Junca, and Mrs. Breaux. Neah – Mrs. Provost, Mr. Evans and Mr. Judice with Mr. Vappie breaking the tie with a Neah.

Mr. Evans motioned with a second by Mr. Judice to decline the option to purchase the St. Joseph Property and move forward with the construction of the new building as approved by the board. The motion passed with a 4 – 2 vote. Yeah – Mrs. Provost, Mrs. Junca, Mr. Evans and Mr. Judice. Neah – Ms. Coleman and Mrs. Breaux. Mr. Vappie did not vote on this item.

Mrs. Decuir presented the board with a report of the 2020 – 2021 LEAP scores. Mrs. Breaux left the meeting. Mrs. Decuir informed the board that she was pleased with the scores but also informed the board that we had some work to do to increase student performance. Mrs. Breaux returned to the meeting.

Mrs. Decuir gave a COVID-19 update of reported cases of students. Mrs. Decuir informed the board that although the case number was high, the Louisiana Department of Health has allowed us to maintain our in-person learning status as the cases being reported were not deemed a result of school contact. Ms. Decuir and Ms. Natalie Tabb, our school nurse, remain in close communication with the regional LDH office and that all cases were being reported.

Mrs. Decuir reported that the student council was coordinating a relief drive for items to donate for Hurricane Ida victims. She also informed the board that the staff an opportunity to wear jeans and donate money for a Charter School that had been affected by Hurricane Ida.

Mrs. Annette Milligan, a 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher, addressed the board about a concern in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Mrs. Milligan informed the board that she had no intention on addressing the board with her concern until she heard the budget presentation. Mrs. Milligan stated that the full-time paraprofessional for both 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes had been taken away when school started. She told the board that she addressed this concern with Mrs. Decuir and was told it was due to budget and the new guidelines the Department of Education had put into place for LEAP remediation of 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. Mrs. Milligan informed the board that she and the other first grade teacher drafted an email to Mrs. Segura with the same concerns about taking away the full-time para from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students and was given the same answer. Mrs. Milligan stated that she appreciated that Mrs. Decuir had made some schedule changes and the 1<sup>st</sup> grade paras were tutoring 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for one hour a day, however she explained that she felt that hour of absence of each para would hurt the students because of the level of students they currently had. After a discussion, the board advised Mrs. Decuir and Mrs. Segura to work on the budget and schedules to see if it was possible to fill the need of 1<sup>st</sup> grade students.

The next meeting is scheduled September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Evans motioned with a second by Mrs. Junca to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.