

## Community Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2017

5:30 PM

Present: Chavarria, Clark, Fox, Hampton, Hughes, Wood

- I. CELEBRATION AND POSITIVE UPDATES
  - a. Poore Man on the Roof
  - b. Hamilton honored at the State Capitol
  - c. Press Conference about the new Excel Career Strand programs
    - i. Corporate challenge by Delta Dental: \$2500 for concurrent credit for students
    - ii. Two schools officially removed from Academic Distress designation by ADE
- II. THREE REVIEW OF THE DISTRESSED SCHOOLS FOLLOW-UP
  - a. Attendance Trends – Dr. Frederick Fields
    - i. Historical background –
      1. Truancy Board created; Act 1223;
      2. Electronic tracking system created in 2012;
      3. Focus on prevention and intervention, rather than court referrals;
      4. Creation of parent calling system;
      5. Increased penalty from Category 1 to Category 2;
      6. Designated Truancy Compliance staff; certified process servers
      7. Attendance Auditors
      8. Resource Guide created to assist parents with problems that contribute to chronic absenteeism
      9. Truancy hotline created by the city
      10. Harry Neil, Truancy Specialist
      11. Lisa Williams, Mental Health Coordinator
    - ii. Questions by Board
      1. Referrals are created when students are absent 12 days absences
      2. Resolved absences are created when a parent provides approved documentation for absences
      3. High rates of truancy occur in lower socio-economic areas and populations.
      4. Higher rates of truancy in the warmer months than during colder months
  - b. Grade Trends – Mr. Marvin Burton and Dr. Daniel Whitehorn
    - i. High Schools
      1. Analysis of data (Handout presentation by Marvin Burton, Deputy Superintendent)
      2. Mr. Burton and Dr. Danyell Cummings, Director of Testing, will present on assessments at the next meeting.
      3. Interim assessment tests explained
      4. Results solely based upon students who actually took the tests

5. This is our second year of taking test with electronic technology.
  6. The use of data to guide instruction and address instructional deficits
  7. Teachers explain to students the difference between Aspire, ACT and Accuplacer (placement exams for 2-Year colleges).
  8. Students have an option not to take the tests, but we highly recommend and encourage them to take it.
  9. Test stamina and time of day for testing is important to students.
- ii. Middle Schools
    1. Analysis of data (Handout presentation Marvin Burton)
    2. Discussion of grade inflation
    3. Explanation of Percent Correct and Percent Ready handouts
- III. QUARTERLY REPORT TO STATE BOARD
- a. PowerPoint presentation by Mike Poore, Superintendent
    - i. Discussed Challenges
      1. Suggestion to track reasons students leave and where they go
    - ii. Supporting Principals
      1. 360 Feedback Assessment
      2. Focused PD – Professional Learning Community (PLC) system; Response to Intervention (Rtl) structure; student engagement strategies; culture creation
      3. Working with ADE – School Improvement Specialists, Central Office Staff; Achieve Team
    - iii. Effective Teachers
      1. Recruitment and retention; create plans of support
      2. Stay and exit interviews; create plans of actions
    - iv. Teaching Written Curriculum
    - v. Next Steps for Distressed Schools
      1. Summer Work for teachers – assessments; instructional time; Tier II Tier III support; electronic classroom observation tool; PD on differentiation, tiered intervention, reading-writing across content areas.
- IV. BUDGET UPDATE – FIRST SEMESTER REVIEW
- a. Handout presented by Kelsey Bailey
- V. ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE REVIEW
- a. Handout reviewed by Mike Poore
- VI. DISCUSSION ON PERSONNEL/STUDENT HEARINGS
- a. Discussion of limitation of termination hearings to 120 minutes
  - b. Eric Walker, LRSD Staff Attorney: Board has the discretion to impose time limit legally
  - c. Melanie Fox moved to impose 120 minute limit on presentation from each side at personnel termination hearings
  - d. Larry Clark seconded the motion
  - e. All in favor; none opposed (5-0 vote; Chavarria left room and did not vote)
- VII. UPDATE ON ELECTION FOR EXTENSION OF MILLS
- a. Update presented by Mike Poore, Superintendent
- VIII. KEY DATES IN FEBRUARY

- IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS – no requests
- X. OTHER ITEMS
  - a. Board & Administrator handout
  - b. ADE Commissioner approved Administration’s recommendation for facility closings in its entirety as is.
    - i. Comments by Mr. Poore about transition of students, staff and community partnerships to new locations
    - ii. Questions and comments from Board
- XI. Adjournment (Motion by Fox, Second by Wood)