



Howard Road Academy  
701 Howard Road, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20020

Open Board Meeting  
Board of Trustees  
January 20, 2011

*Call to Order: Mr. Reed called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed everyone in the audience.*

**Board Members in Attendance:** *Mr. Keith Reed, Co-Chair; Dr. LaTonya Henderson; Dr. Talmadge Williams, Co-Chair; Dr. Carla Bailey, Mrs. Clara Duhon, Treasurer; and Ms. Jewel Goodman, Secretary*

**Board Members Excused:** *Mrs. Chrystal Jones, President; Mrs. Tiffany Aziz; and Mr. Tracey Proctor; Mr. Kevin Stephenson, Mrs. Valerie Grant*

**Others in attendance:** *Mr. Stiles Simmons, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Tracey Johnson, Chief Operating Officer; Mr. Roger Gray, Senior V.P. of School Finance/Mosaica; Mr. Claude Presley, HOS/MLK Campus; Dr. John Porter, Executive V.P.; Dr. Latrice Hicks, HOS/Main Campus; Ms. Nicole Garcia, HOS/PABC; Ms. Shay-Blagmon*

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Public Comment

Mr. Reed altered the agenda and opened the floor up for public comments from stakeholders present.

Student Council

Mrs. Michelle Austin, the mother of the Ms. Da'Ja Williams, President of the Student Council reported on activities and fundraiser efforts that will take place this year such as field trips, feeding the homeless, soup kitchen, trips to the Capitals games, DC CAS pep rally for the students and a green day celebration.

Financial Report

Mr. Gray gave a breakdown of the draft proposed revision of the budget and stated that a couple of additional grants will be updated and those allocations will be built into the budget.

Dr. Porter will provide an update on the business audit resolutions at the next meeting.

COO' Report

Mr. Johnson reported on the human resources current opening, recent new hires, resignations and terminations. His update report covered compliance issues, security, the Salvation Army contract, signage at the MLK Campus and the cleaning contract.

He also gave a status update of the outstanding compliance issues and included that HRA will move forward with the Salvation Army contract once solidified with the teachers.

Mr. Johnson stated that a visit has been scheduled to visit Friendship Public Charter School this week to observe their "Supper Program".

The Board voted on the cleaning contract and the Minutes for October, November and December. All motions were passed unanimously.

### CAO' Report

#### HOS PABC Campus

Ms. Garcia explained the new attendance policy.

Mrs. Garcia provided a handout of the literacy plan.

#### HOS Report – Main Campus

Dr. Hicks reported on student attendance and the Positive Behavior Intervention System. Dr. Hicks noted that Dr. John Jaquith will provide support to the team.

Dr. Hicks noted that the curriculum maps for ELA and Math are currently under revision to align with the most current standards of the DC-CAS and that the gaps are filled in.

#### HOS - Middle Campus

Mr. Pressley discussed the PDR report and the report from Don Linden and stated that the CIS is providing coaching and observation along with reviewing and analyzing data and different strategies.

Mr. Simmons reported that the preliminary findings about instructional rigor from the PDR team suggest that we need to place more focus and resources towards improving classroom instruction. He stated that he will give a presentation and provide a working plan that will analyze the data to make necessary adjustments to the process at the next Executive Session for review and approval.

Mr. Simmons reported on the reading campaign. The campaign will challenge and encourage students. He also stated that the OSSE has recently approved our Teacher Compensation Grant application.

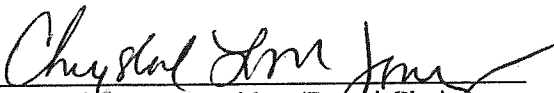
### Mosaica Report

Dr. Porter reported that Mr. John Jaquith and Don Linden from the National team will give support to the staff to assist with Math. He stated that HRA is currently in the interview process for a Math CIS.

Mr. Reed stated that due to the absence of Mrs. Jones, open items is tabled until the February Executive Session and will be brought back to the February Open Board meeting.

Mr. Reed opened the floor for comments.

There being no further comments, Mr. Reed entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Dr. Williams made the motion to adjourn and Ms. Goodman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by all Board members present.

  
Chrystal Jones, President/Board Chair

  
Jewel Goodman, Board Secretary

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