

PEPIN ACADEMIES



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Pepin Distributing Company
4121 N. 50th Street
Tampa, FL 33610

JUNE 29, 2015

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 5:37 P.M.

Board Members In Attendance:

Jeff Skowronek - Present
Scott Strepina - Present
Brigitte Shaw - Present
Joe Williams - Absent
Laurel Lee Moore - Present
Sandra Setin - Present
Shelley Sharp - Present
Stacy Hahn - Absent
Kelsey Lehtomaa - Absent
Brandon Selph - Absent
Chris Denome - Present

Discussion:

1.) Public Comment:

- N/A

**Discussion &
Action:**

2.) Agenda Accepted

Scott Strepina moved to approve June agenda
2nd – Brigitte Shaw

All in Favor – No Opposed

<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>3.) Community Relations Report</p> <p>Lauren:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Julie Ames Special Needs Family Hour Radio Show looking for Pepin representatives to be on the show. We are a sponsor of the show. • Gala thank you letters and IRS letters are going out now • Lime, Inc. – Possible paid internships with fortune 500 companies for students that graduate from college • Gala grossed \$200,000 and net \$155,000. • Jeff: Farewell to Lauren Bergold
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>4.) Legislative Report</p> <p>Natalie:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During regular session there wasn't an agreement on a balanced budget. • Overall budget: \$78,697,999,841 • Vetoed: \$461.3M • FTP – approx. \$7,900 per student for based funding. • Craig: we will receive more based on the individual needs of our students • PECO: \$50,000,000 for charter schools, which is a reduction from previous years. • Senator Lange discussed moving to an equity model. There will have to be concessions from charter schools. Being that charter schools are funded with tax payer dollars, these schools will have to be maintained by public interest. • PLA for children with disabilities: \$55,000,000 allocated for this scholarship, which is an increase from last year. It doesn't directly impact Pepin because it only can be used if the student isn't in a public school. At the same time be mindful that some of our students may opt out of the public school system on order to tap into these funds. • K-8 uniforms: If a district adopts a policy to create an official uniform policy schools will receive \$10.00/ student. • \$44,000,000 was set aside for teacher bonuses. Teachers that were rated as highly effective and that scored a certain score on SAT will be given a bonus. • \$60,000,000 may be available for technology needs depending on what the veto meant in regards to this money. • Session should start in January and should be done in March

<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>5.) Finance Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Burke went over financial report. • Topics discussed: End of year financials - \$9,000,000 in revenue and a deficit of \$60,000 for the year. Cash wise we are in good shape with 1.5 million in reserves. Funding for IDEA Grant: calculating the idea of funding for us. Looking at insurance increases (liability, property). • Scott: With a net loss of \$60,000 what are the implications of having a loss two years in a row? • Shelley: Why is there such a big variance in instructional supplies and food services from year to year? • Stacy: Explain salary increases?
	<p>6.) Principal's Report</p> <p>Craig:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of cleaning and moving around to prepare for the school year to begin • 3 of our new teachers are from USF. • USF Summer Institute is in progress and going well; we have been able to recruit/ hire 9 teachers through the USF Program • Our charters are now combined as part of consent agreement • Marva Johnson toured Pepin during our PBS Carnival; she commented at the state board about Pepin, and how we are doing great things for kids. Jeff and I will be doing a report in regards to our new calendar. • IMPORTANT DATE: July 13th at 6 p.m. - Special Permit Meeting. We are working very hard with the Riverview neighborhood associations to try to appease their concerns about traffic and noise due to the Riverview Expansion. • Enrollment is moving along well. 705 students between Riverview and Tampa Campus • Our inventory list went to the district. • Interviews are going well. Two more teachers to hire (one at Riverview and one at Tampa campus)
<p>Discussion & Action:</p>	<p>6.) Approval of March, April, & May Minutes</p> <p>Scott Strepina moved to approve the minutes from March, April, & May 2nd – Brigitte Shaw</p> <p>All in Favor, No Opposed</p>

<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>7.) Introduction of Daviera Powell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Communications Manager • 15 years in the industry (has worked in PR, communications, education, government, etc.)
<p>Discussion & Action:</p>	<p>8.) Introduction of Prospective Board Member – Amanda Shannon</p> <p>Brigitte Shaw moved to accept Amanda Shannon as a new board member 2nd – Laurel Lee Moore</p> <p>All in Favor, No Opposed</p>
<p>Discussion & Action:</p>	<p>9.) Introduction of Prospective Board Members – Melissa Ortiz</p> <p>Brigitte Shaw moved to accept Melissa Ortiz as a new board member 2nd – Shelley Sharp</p> <p>All in Favor, No Opposed</p>
<p>Discussion:</p>	<p>10.) 2015-2016 Board Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion pertaining to the time, day, and location for board meetings for the 2015-2016 school year. • Craig: Has been the last Monday of the month. Is this a good time? Recommendations? • Jeff: Our board doesn't come out as being a group that is doing much. We need to do more so that we can be an involved piece. What is the best way to accomplish this? Going to suggest that we split our meetings between the school and Pepin Distribution. • Suggestions: Need a better tool for communication, start sending a message from the board, which will be added to our weekly newsletter, email board members Pepin event dates in advance so they can attend, email teachers with board meeting dates. • Final Decision: Meetings will remain at current location on the last Monday of the month.
<p>Discussion & Action:</p>	<p>11.) Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlie went over budget for upcoming school year.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Different than in the past. A lot of our numbers are driven by students and payroll. These items are the majority of our cost. Second to that would be insurance and instructional materials. • Projecting 705 for our head count. We are being conservative and we went with a 2% increase with FTE funding per student. Brought capital outlay down by 2/3 from last year. Looking at 9.7 million in revenues for the year. Looking at a 401K option to provide more to our teachers. • Projecting \$70,000 in the surplus for the upcoming year <p>Brigitte Shaw moved to accept budget for 2015-2016 school year 2nd – Sandra Setin</p> <p>All in Favor, No Opposed</p>
Discussion:	<p>12.) Kuntze’s Graduate Work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff: My concerns were already addressed earlier in the meeting • Looked at: Culture book, technologies that are available, and Pepin blueprint • Great feedback and information was provided by graduate students
Discussion:	<p>13.) Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelley: Art Institute of Tampa; four Pepin students were there; Hosting a one week summer studio to a rising high school senior to experience the classes. Vocational Rehab Division will pay for any student who is referred to them to go to the class. Would love for Vocational Rehab to come out and talk to our students (juniors).
	<p style="text-align: center;">ADJOURNMENT: 7:07 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sandra Setin moved to adjourn the meeting 2nd – Chris Denome</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">The Next Meeting of Pepin Academies Governing Board will be at 5:30 p.m. on</p> <p style="text-align: center;">July 27, 2015 <u>Pepin Distributing Company:</u> 4121 N. 50th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610</p>

