Leadership Public Schools
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
January 9th, 2017

Present: Dr. Louise Waters, Luis Chavez, Chuck Bowes, D’Lonra Ellis, Prasad Ram, Brigitte Lowe, David Schiffman, David Finke, Christopher Whitmore, Tajah Bernstine, Maria Ruiz-Tolento
Absent: Kevin Katari, Michael Zaninovich, Amy Slater, Yolanda Peeks
Guests: Kate Levitt, Soo Zee Park, Lauren Klaffky, Michael De Sousa

The meeting was called to order 5:36pm. The agenda was confirmed with edits and roles were assigned. The group made introductions.

The meeting was opened to public comment. No public comments were made so the meeting was closed for that purpose.

Consent Agenda
The group voted to approve minutes from November 14th and College Readiness Block Grant Resolution 2017-31
Moved: Louise Waters
Seconded: Luis Chavez
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals.

The group also added a motion for Luis Chavez to serve as interim Board Secretary while Yolanda Peeks is on medical leave.
Moved: David Finke
Seconded: Kelley Gulley
Abstained: Luis Chavez
Approved: All
Opposed: None

Sanctuary School Approval
Louise Waters shared a summary of Resolution 2017-34 affirming that LPS programs and facilities are a sanctuary for all children and adults. The Board voted to approve the Resolution.
Moved: Kelley Gulley
Seconded: Luis Chavez
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals.

Executive Committee Report
Soo Zee Park, Chief Business Officer, reviewed notes on finance from the Executive Committee meeting and other changes in terms of budget forecasting.
Committee on Trustees Report
The group reviewed and did not have any questions on the Committee on Trustees report.

Facilities Report
Soo Zee Park, CBO, reviewed facilities in each district and answered questions about possible changes in the coming years.

Communications and Development Report
Kate Levitt, Director of Communications & Development, along with Chuck Bowes, member of the Board Development/Communications Committee, gave an overview of individual giving, fundraising, and communications efforts. They discussed plans and goals for the remainder of FY2017.

Strategy Discussion
The group discussed different strategies and theories of change as they relate to education. They focused on different swings in education philosophy over history, such as tensions between liberty and equality, and community and efficiency. Board members analyzed how these changes and philosophies are relevant for informed decision-making and governance at the school board level.

Education Committee Report and Charter Approval
Lauren Klaffky, Chief Academic Officer, presented the charter petitions for LPS Oakland R&D, LPS Richmond, and a new campus in Hayward. She fielded questions from Board members clarifying policies, including changes in enrollment.

The group voted to approve the following Resolutions 2017-20, 2017-21, and 2017-22 to submit the charter petitions to Oakland Unified School District, West Contra Costa Unified School District, and Hayward Unified School District.

Resolution 2017-20 Charter Petition for LPS Oakland R&D
Moved: Luis Chavez
Seconded: Chuck Bowes
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals.

Resolution 2017-21 Charter Petition for LPS Richmond
Moved: D'Lonra Ellis
Seconded: Christopher Whitmore
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals

Resolution 2017-22 Charter Petition for new campus in Hayward
Moved: Briggitte Lowe
Seconded: Kelley Gulley
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals.

Board Policy Revision Approvals
The group then voted to approve the following nine (9) Board policies: Resolution 2017-23 Expulsion and Suspension Policy; Resolution 2017-24 School Wellness Policy; Resolution 2017-25 Student Promotion and Retention Policy; Resolution 2017-26 Special Education Policy; Resolution 2017-27 Uniform Complain Procedure Policy; Resolution 2017-28 504 Policy; Resolution 2017-29 Admissions and Enrollment Policy; Resolution 2017-30 LPS Oakland Fiscal Management Policy; and Resolution 2017-32 Conflict of Interest Code.

Moved: David Finke
Seconded: David Schiffman
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals.

By-Law Revision Approvals
Soo Zee Park reviewed redlined bylaws and updates to the LPS Board bylaws. The Board voted to approve the new bylaws and Resolution 2017-33.

Moved: Kelley Gulley
Seconded: Briggitte Lowe
Approved: All
Opposed: None
No abstentions or recusals.

Conflict of Interest and Brown Act
Kate Levitt discussed the Brown Act and Conflict of Interest laws as they pertain to LPS, including our compliance with Open Meetings and all other Brown Act requirements.

Process Check
Christopher Whitmore conducted a brief process check, appreciating the opportunities for group discussion and small group interaction. Others commented that the meeting was well organized and well executed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Levitt
Recorder