

Friday, February 15, 2019

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE OF GREAT CITY SCHOOLS MALES OF COLOR OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held February 15, 2019, at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order at 4:14 p.m. Present were members Chair Joseph Sokolovic, Dr. Melissa Jenkins and JoAnn Kennedy.

Ms. Kennedy moved to postpone the minutes of January 8, 2019. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenkins and unanimously approved.

The next agenda item was on males of color programming. Dr. Jenkins said the document needed a few clarifications.

Dr. Jenkins suggested clarifying the definition of mentoring for the high school and middle school programs so people understand it's not one-on-one mentoring. Another clarification would make it clear that all males involved would not be left alone with mentees and all males will be supervised by BOE employees.

Mr. Sokolovic said he agreed. He noted there was no budget now for background checks. Dr. Jenkins said the mentoring was not in the traditional form, but consists of supports program for males of color in a group setting. Mr. Sokolovic said it was similar to a volunteer reading to a class with a teacher present.

Dr. Jenkins said before the program goes to the full board she would like to clarify the Bassick program to make sure it has the overall goal, timeline, focus, and who is involved and how they were selected added, similar to the way Central and Harding have been laid out.

Mr. Sokolovic moved “*giving Dr. Jenkins the authority to do that without coming back to the committee for approval prior to submission to the board packet.*” The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenkins and unanimously approved.

Mr. Sokolovic said the committee members could suggested changes to Dr. Jenkins and she would incorporate those she approved under the authorization which was just given to her. He said he would he would send the document to all the committee members.

Mr. Sokolovic said the deadline for submitting items for the board packet would be next Tuesday. Dr. Jenkins said she would make sure he had it by February 19th. Mr. Sokolovic said it could be placed on the board agenda next week.

Dr. Jenkins moved “*to approve the proposals submitted by the three comprehensive high schools, Bassick, Central and Harding, and their corresponding budgets, and to approve the middle school program and its corresponding budget and present it before the board.*” The motion was seconded by Ms. Kennedy and unanimously approved.

Ms. Kennedy moved the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jenkins and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod

*Approved by the committee on September 24, 2019*