

# **NORTHSHORE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION**

December 10, 2015

## **A. Opening Business**

Call to order at 5:01

Prayer by Robert Rogan

Pledge of Allegiance by Rayfield Palmer

Board members in attendance: Debra Taylor, Justin Arnold, Robert Rogan, Al St. Pierre, R. L. Palmer Jr, Precious Johnson

## **B. Recognition of visitors and public comment:**

No comments from visitors were made. Mr. Palmer welcomed Belinda Ikered and Reginald Bourne.

## **C. Principal report:**

Mr. Merriman informed the board that he was working on Act 833 for Special Education Students. Talked about getting a team of teachers to get specialized in this so it would not cost as much for the school in the long run. Mr. Rogan then asked Mr. Merriman for examples of what to expect with this new program and Mr. Merriman explained to him that these students would be getting a High School Diploma instead of just an attendance certificate. Mr. Rogan asked how much it was going to cost the school and Mrs. Workman said they are not really sure how much it would cost it would depend on how many teachers we had certified for this. Mr. Palmer asked if the state pays for this and Mrs. Workman answered that the state only gives \$1500.00 - \$2000.00 for the whole program per year. Mr. Palmer asked if this was something that had been factored in to the budget. Mrs. Workman answered no it had not been for this year and that next Year that would be something that would need to be budgeted for. Mr. Palmer asked what kind of preparations are being made for this program for the future and Mr. Merriman answered that he was looking into what the teachers need to become certified to facilitate this program and urging all the teachers to take advantage of this opportunity.

## **D. COO:**

Mrs. Workman spoke about the Annual Financial Review that has to be done every year by a certain date. Last year's review was graded as needs improvement. This year's review was due by November 29<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Workman reported that she turned the review in on November 25<sup>th</sup> and that audit person said that we should receive a good report for this year. Mrs. Taylor asked if the audit had done the exit interview for the year and Mrs. Workman said that they were not to that point yet. Mrs. Taylor then asked if she and Mr. Rogan could sit in on that and Mrs. Workman said yes. Mrs. Workman handed the board a questionnaire from the annual audit and asked them to look over it to sign it. Mrs. Workman then informed the board of an exciting experience that the school and Google were going to be doing on December 15<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Workman then invited the board to attend.

**E. Public Comment:**

1. Mr. Palmer opened the floor for public comment. Lakeshia Robichoe from Chief of Minds spoke about their progress on finding a CEO for the school. Mr. Palmer asked if they were going to hire an interim CEO until they found a permanent CEO. Mrs. Robichoe said that they might hire an interim that would fit our immediate needs until they found a permanent CEO that would fit our long term needs. Mr. Taylor asked if they were doing a local search. Mrs. Robichoe stated that they were doing a local as well as nationwide. Mr. Arnold asked if there were already candidates in the pipeline. Mrs. Robichoe said yes and that there were a couple people that had inquired about it.
2. Mr. Bournes, who is a local business owner, spoke about getting involved with the school and trying to get some vocational training available for the students. Mr. Palmer asked if he would be doing internships and Mr. Bournes said yes possibly. Mr. Bournes is looking into Vocational Scholarships for students. Mr. Palmer thanked Mr. Bournes for coming.

**F. New Business:**

No new business.

**Adjournment at 6:04**