

THE PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT PROMISE ZONE AUTHORITY BOARD

February 21, 2022

12:30 PM

1500 University Dr.
Auburn Hills, MI 48326

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting called by:	Teresa Rodges	Type of meeting:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Chair:	Teresa Rodges		
Note Taker:	H. Bill Maxey/C. Moulder		
Please read:	February 21, 2022 Minutes, Finance Report Documents, Coordinator Report		

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter
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- ✓ Call to Order: 12:30pm Teresa Rodges
- ✓ Roll Call H. Bill Maxey

Board Members Present: Teresa Rodges, Nellie Legarde, Lon Bone, Tim Meyer, Christopher Northcross, H. B. Maxey, Mary Schusterbauer, Henry Knight, Kaino Phillips, Keyon Payton

Board Members Absent:

Staff Present: Canequia Moulder, Justen Daniels

- ✓ Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve agenda Moved by Lon Bone, Second Bill Maxey
No oppositions
- ✓ Approval of the January 20, 2022 Minutes: Motion to approve agenda, Moved by Bill Maxey,
Second by Lon Bone
No oppositions
- ✓ Approval of the Finance Report: To accept the revised budget and finance report; Moved by
Tim Meyer, Second Kaino.
No opposition

Adjournment: 2:21pm

Chairperson Executive Report

5 mins

- OU Pontiac Game Day 2/20/20 OU hosted Game Day for Pontiac Families; supported by Kaino Phillips and Keyon Payton. There were not a lot of STEM activities due to COVID but there were over 200 families. Jamal Kain has expressed an interest in conducting community outreach with our Pontiac students as well as the OU basketball women's coach. Our mayor Tim Greimel attended and engaged with our students.

- Links Healthy Event 2/26/2022 from 8:30am – 12:00 pm Is joining forces to host a health fair to bring different medical screenings with a focus on kidney disease as it is prevalent among the African-American families. The OUPI pillars are joining to encourage the community to stop by and get health screenings with our local hospitals, local health centers, WBOU medical school, the County Health Department. PPZ will also host an information table. Free Transportation is provided at 248-335-8740.
- SAAB-Student African American Brotherhood Conference April 8-10, St. Louis, MO For young males in the Pontiac to hopefully participate with the support from the LINKS, OUPI Pre-college program. Want to make sure any opportunity we give our students access.

Mary Schusterbauer: Report out

5 mins

At the last board meeting, whether people who are not at the meeting cannot vote at board meeting. People who are not at the meeting can in fact vote on the minutes. There is currently no procedural information regarding the amount of funds and time for ppz dollars. Recommends that the board participate in a parliamentary training for everyone on this board as it is the responsibility for each member to understand parliamentary procedures.

Motion to hire Coco Siewert to host the parliamentary procedure training for up to 200 dollars. Moved by Mary Schusterbauer, Second by Keyon Payton Tim Meyer amends that we remove the 200 fee. No oppositions

Discussion: Lon Bone to recommend having the training done during a board meeting; Mary suggests that this not be hosted during strategic planning because the current board members require training; Kaino suggests that we actually pay her for her expertise. Mary suggests that we have the training prior to board meeting to accommodate scheduling. Teresa suggests that Mary come to the Executive Board Meeting to give additional information about time frame and cost.

Executive Director Report

5 mins

- **Feedback from City Council Presentation recommend for 90 day update**
- **Library Advertisement Update**
- **Count Day activities**
- **AOCC: Alumni of Color Conference, March 3-4**
- **IMAGINE: NONPROFIT March 22-23 Invitation**

Coordinator Report

10 mins

Kaino: appreciate to work the synergy to apprenticeship programs: testing options for mathematics for completing the programs for young people to get through. Lon Bone is there a chance we can take a look at OCCs program to see what they have available. Tim Meyer wants to express appreciation for the effort of the staff.

Treasurer Report

10 mins

Motion: To accept the amended budget with highlighted changes as submitted. Moved by Tim Meyer, Second Henry Knight; no oppositions

Committee Reports

- ❖ **Marketing Committee: Lon Bone** **5 mins**
Lon Bone: Apologize for not meeting regularly; we will be meeting on March 1, 2022, from 2-3pm

- ❖ **Strategic Planning Committee: Tim Meyer** **5 mins**
Tim Meyer: in the Month of March will fire the Strategic planning framework and the board will need to reflect the perspective of 360 degree viewpoint. Teresa suggests that strategic planning committee meeting needs to happen and determine who will help to facilitate the strategic planning process with full PPZ board as the committee's role is to develop the framework and it is the role of the full board to help in creating the plan. Coco is asked to poll the board to see who wants to participate in committee: Keyon Payton, Henry Knight indicated their interest in joining the strategic planning committee.

- ❖ **Personnel Committee: Nellie/Kaino** **2 mins**
Will complete the job description for the bookkeeping services so that a bookkeeper can be secured for future banking and reporting needs of the PPZ.

- ✓ **Old Business/New Business** **7 mins**

- ✓ **Board Member Open Comments** **10 mins**

Bill Maxey notes that there should be additional health tests for these health fairs like Hepatitis A/B; refer to the book "Challenge of Lifetime." Teresa recommends for Mr. Maxey to attend for planning. Leave no kids behind, we are giving resources to our students who know nothing about what expected of them; that could help them. We need to focus on the problems they are facing and there are people in our community writing grants off the statistics of our families. We need to be engaging with young people who are not making good decisions; to collaborate with one another and get the help for our young people. We have to include the students who are in 9 – 11th or its too late giving students opportunities to change their pathways. We may need to host a small scale retreat inviting these kids to the table getting their opinions on what they need to be successful.

Kaino Phillips: The Ascend Foundation is the Second annual Legends and Trailblazers Black History Month event; can go to www.youtube.com/ascendfdn or from facebook page. Pontiac Honors Community Service awards closed March 8, 2022 which is the 5th time hosting for our unsung heroes. Detroit Youth Choir and Ascend will be bringing a Pontiac version and auditions will be coming up at each school that has middle or high school students.

Christopher Northcross: We had a discussion for helping young people pass the mathematics portions of these state tests etc. The issue is not having the fundamentals of adding, subtracting, multiplying, or dividing; once this happens then these folks are able to pass. In our schools we do not have remediation in the lower levels and that the teachers also do not have the mathematical knowledge at the efficient level. We may need to think about supporting programming surrounding these gaps.

Henry Knight: I want to thank the executive committee for putting the motions into the agendas so that in the future we add the committee motions as well.

Keyon Payton: February 26, 2022 Camp Hosanna luncheon at 11:30am. A program focused on academic enrichment, moral upliftment, and servant leadership. Proof that churches can

put on programs that can lead students to success by incorporating behavioral health support.

Mary Schusterbauer: Mentioned the PPZ while at the Dentist office and a young lady mentioned she was a promise zone recipient.

Nellie Legarde: Collaboration between the colleges, unions, and community to grow the apprenticeships within Pontiac that will require a lot of support by having the right people at the table.

Tim Meyer: Echo what Mr. Northcross mentioned as it related to math and testing; At OCC, 70% were below their skill level. Remediation is needed but it becomes a psychological barrier. You have to look at the school systems, unless you remediate the below average students, or they stay behind and psychologically this keeps the barrier in place with these students. Congratulations to Mr. Northcross for caring and getting involved with the students directly. We need this energy and passion for strategic planning outcomes and direction.

Lon Bone: Girl Scout cookies are on sale. Support our local girl scout troops.

Justen: Encourage everyone to think about what our strengths are to leverage each of our strengths for this organization and bring our passions to the table.

April 2, 2022 at 11am -12:30 for service and vendor event to follow, A Second Chance Sunday with Kwami Kilpatrick, Alice Mary Johnson will be presenters.

- ✓ Confirm Next Meeting –Thursday, March 17 2022, Baker College Auburn Hills, MI
12:30pm – 2:00pm