

**SPECIAL MEETING
EDUCATION ACHIEVEMENT AUTHORITY**

X **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

X **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

X **PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2014 BUDGET**

Date: June 25, 2012
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Wayne County Community College District (WCCCD)
Downtown Campus – Conference Room 236
1001 Fort Street
Detroit, Michigan
Detroit, Michigan 48226

MINUTES

The Public Hearing on the FY2014 Budget was called to order by Chairperson Goss at 2:00 PM. Chairperson Goss reminded the Board and the public that this was a Public Hearing on the FY2014 Budget.

I. Roll Call

Chairperson Goss asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Board of Directors.

Carol Goss, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Dr. Jann Joseph, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mark Murray, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Shirley Stancato, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

A quorum of the EAA Board of Directors was determined. *Member Pickard was present via conference call.

Chairperson Goss asked Tyrone Winfrey to call the roll of the Executive Committee Members.

Executive Committee Attendance:

Carol Goss, Chairperson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Michael Morris, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Mark Murray, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
William Pickard*, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Roy Roberts, Director	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Present	<input type="checkbox"/> Absent

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II. Presentation on FY2014 Budget

Chairperson Goss introduced Chancellor Covington for the presentation on the EAA's FY2014 Budget and stated that all information discussed would be accessible on the www.michigan.gov/ea website.

Chancellor Covington introduced Harry Pianko, EAA's Chief Financial Officer who proceeded with the presentation.

Mr. Pianko reviewed the following areas of the EAA's FY2014 Budget.

- Property Taxes/Millage Rates
- General Fund
- General Fund Revenues
- General Fund Expenditures
- General Fund – Fund Balance
- Revenue Detail
- Expenditure Detail

Chairperson Goss thanked Mr. Pianko for his overview and asked the Board Members if they had any questions.

Members Morris and Murray discussed Plan Expenditures in further detail as well as Title I monies available in reference to Instructional Technology. All have to do with start-up costs. Mr. Pianko reviewed Plan Expenditures and clarified the financial aspect of EAA Athletics.

Member Morris questioned the General Fund breakout. Member Joseph asked about a follow-up on the increase shown in Secondary and Elementary salaries. Member Morris questioned the dollars in reference to tracking the monies with students. Mr. Pianko discussed all concerns as well as the conservancy of the EAA Budget.

Member Joseph asked for more clarity in dollars and tracking as the projected totals seemed very high. Chancellor Covington discussed the conservancy basis of the EAA budget and stated that it is always better to projected totals at a higher level as more is always better than less. Dr. Mary Esselman discussed staff leveraging as well in reference to projecting staffing needs more thoroughly.

Member Morris questioned Virtual Academy rooms being monitored in reference to children paying attention to their distance learning. Dr. Esselman proceeded with a more thorough overview of this program.

Member Stancato discussed the Truancy and Guidance Line items and wanted to know where there was such a big difference between the two. Mr. Pianko gave an overview of the Truancy and Guidance line items.

Chairperson Goss asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

III. Public Comment

Chairperson Goss asked Tyrone Winfrey if there were any Public Comments and welcomed the members from the public. Mr. Winfrey introduced the following attendees for comment:

Helen Moore discussed the following concerns:

- Air conditioning in EAA schools – Wanted to know if this was in the EAA Budget. Member Morris addressed Ms. Moore's concerns.
- Her group is currently working with Mumford students in reference to concerns and states that EAA needs to address the students' needs.
- EAA needs to set a good example with students and parents
- Suggested planning a school meeting with the Justice League to discuss concerns
- Suggested a meeting with the students at Mumford

Michelle Fecteau discussed the following concerns:

- Concerned with the air conditional in EAA schools
- Concerned with the high level of teacher turnover
- Concerned with student transcripts and stated that there is a possible need for guidance counseling as EAA students are not taking the right courses to graduate

Sherry Gay-Dagnogo discussed the following concerns:

- Very disappointed with EAA and very concerned
- Public education attack
- Current teacher per pupil population
- What is the current/slated enrollment
- Was the pass-through loan paid back to DPS?
- Concerned about Brooke Harris' firing
- Why not engage our Universities for College Readiness
- Would like feedback on all of her concerns

Bruce Tabashneck, Social Worker at Law Academy, discussed the following concerns:

- Air conditioning does work as Law Academy
- Discussed Community Intervention based on problems with parents/students getting help for treatment concerns
- Social workers need to focus more on collaboration with students and mental concerns
- Program communication needs to be addressed

Russ Bellant discussed the following concerns:

- 59 Million Dollar concern missing on the EAA's Budget review. Chairperson Goss stated that this concern would be addressed
- Air conditioning concerns – compliance will cause an overall concern with student attendance
- MEEF Report – Would like a copy
- Questioned teacher qualifications

Mary T. Wood. She is an advocate for accountability in the State of Michigan. She discussed the following concerns.

- Very concerned that she asked for a copy of the proposed budget and received a chart. Receiving very limited information cannot be engaging when thorough information has not been received. Information needs to be accessible to the general public prior to the meetings
- Information is not being adhered to – concerned that the EAA Board has not taken responsibility
- An Audit Committee should have been formed a long time ago
- Procedures should be followed
- Discussed financing issues coming through the Board for approval as she feels that all were not coming through the Board appropriately

Chairperson thanked everyone for their comments.

Chairperson asked if there were any additional Comments. There were none.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairperson Goss asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion: Member Roberts

Support: Member Murray

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The motion was carried.

At this time, Chairperson Goss informed all attendees that the EAA Executive Board would be going into a closed session and would resume at 3:00 PM.

Chairperson Goss adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFICATION

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

Secretary / Recording Secretary

Date

Approved by the Authority Board,

Secretary / Recording Secretary

Date