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Early Childhood Development
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SERVICE LEARNING ACADEMIES DISTRICT

Saturday, April 25, 2026

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES (APPROVED)

- I. **Call to Order:** President, Orlando Woods called the meeting to order at 9:06a.m., in person and via Zoom Video Conferencing.
 - II. **Roll Call**

Present: Orlando Woods, Airlene Gross, Idowu Jegede, Allen Richardson, Douglas Bartell, James Dozier, Jeanette Owens

Absent: NA
 - III. **Approval of April 25, 2026 Board Meeting Agenda.**
Jeanette Owens motioned to accept the Board Meeting Agenda as written. Idowu Jegede seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.
 - IV. **Approval of Proposed Board Meeting Minutes from Tuesday, March 17, 2026**
Allen Richardson motioned to approve The Board Meeting minutes for March, as written. Idowu Jegede seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.
 - V. **Financials update – Janita Williams**
Ms. Williams reported on the 3rd Quarter Financials Report. Idowu Jegede receive the financial report, Allen Richardson second the motion. Also Ms. Williams report the 2026-2027 Budget Timeline Resolution. Jeanette Owens received the 2026-2027 Budget Timeline Resolution, Idowu Jegede second the motion. Both motion was carried unanimously.
 - VI. **Management Report**
Chief Executive Officer - Maurice Evans
Compliance and Academics Update – Dr. Ebony Walker
Dr. Walker reported that testing season is in progress from April through June, including MSTEP and NWEA, with PSAT testing already completed. The school is reducing student stress by limiting testing days and incorporating activities like field trips. She also highlighted efforts to boost retention through end-of-year events and expanded summer school programs, with strong and growing enrollment.
- Building and Operations report – De'Angelo Alexander**
Mr. Alexander reported that two students (6th and 7th grade) are on long-term suspension pending investigation for possible expulsion due to a staff threat and aggressive behavior. He also shared that disciplinary documentation is being finalized with legal support. On a positive note, he highlighted family engagement events like Donuts with Dads and upcoming Muffins for Moms. He also announced key dates: graduation on June 9, the last day of school on June 12, and district shutdown from June 15–19.

Human Resource – Ms. Kim Knight

Ms. Knight reported that HR is using a “Red, Yellow, Green” system to evaluate staff for next school year. Red indicates staff who will not return due to performance or professionalism concerns, yellow identifies those who need additional training and support, and green represents those meeting expectations. She also shared that HR is actively recruiting new staff, including certified teachers, and hiring qualified paraprofessionals who can support classrooms and step in when needed.

Early Childhood – Delicia Allen

Ms. Allen reported that students are making strong progress, with younger children building independence and kindergarteners preparing for graduation. She shared plans for end-of-year activities, including a preschool field trip to a farm and hands-on learning projects like gardening. She also highlighted excitement around the expanded summer program, which will help prepare incoming students, support learning, and engage families before the new school year.

Executive President – Leo Carr

Mr. Evans announced that Mr. Leo Carr will be retiring effective August 1 after eight years with the organization. He shared appreciation for Mr. Carr’s contributions and noted there will be a small celebration in his honor. Mr. Evans also mentioned that interviews are underway to find a replacement and that Mr. Carr may still stay connected to the organization in the future.

Marketing and Media – Gregory Allen

Mr. Allen reported that the team is exploring adding modular classrooms at the Redford site to create more space, particularly for early childhood programs. They are working with a company to assess the site and provide a cost estimate, with a visit scheduled for May 7. He noted that the modules could house multiple classrooms and support efforts to keep younger students together, improving consistency and collaboration among teachers.

Chief of Security – Roderick Grimes

Mr. Grimes reported updates on security, truancy, and student safety efforts. He noted that security staff successfully prevented a potential threat involving a firearm and that procedures are being strengthened following the investigation. He also shared that truancy home visits are improving attendance, and the district plans to launch a student ID badge system next school year to further support safety and communication.

VII LSSU Reauthorization update – Melissa Weisberger

Dr. Walker reported that all required documentation has been submitted with no issues. Mr. Evans added that the district is not currently planning to open an additional facility, though the option remains available in the existing contract for future use.

VIII Board Matters

Mr. Wood reported that the ESP evaluation will be completed at the retreat.

IX Public Comment

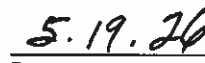
NA

X Adjournment

Airlene Gross motions to adjourn the meeting. Allen Richardson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Adjourned at 10:03am


Signed, Board Secretary


Date



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