

**Special Meeting of the Akron Digital Academy
Board of Directors
March 24, 2015**

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Akron Digital Academy (ADA) Board of Directors was called to order by Chairperson President Curtis Howard on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 4:07 pm, in the 2nd Floor Room, 335 S. Main Street (Evans Building), Akron, Ohio. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call taken:

Present: Mr. Curtis Howard Mr. Gregg Manes Ms. Lynn Clark
Excused: Mrs. Linda Lanier Mr. Fred Tolbert

The Chairman noted that a quorum of the Board of Directors was present and declared the Meeting open for the transaction of business.

Also Present: Mr. Kevin Hawley (WCESC, via Skype), Dr. David Bowlin, and Mrs. Janice Clayton.

I. New Business: Resignations of ADA Directors

The Chairman advised that ADA received director resignations from Mr. Mwatabu Okantah and Mrs. Judith Olabisi.

(A) On a motion duly made by Mr. Manes, seconded by Ms. Clark, it was resolved that the resignation of Mr. Mwatabu Okantah, dated March 17, 2015, be accepted and effective as of the same date. Motion carried.

(B) On a motion duly made by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Manes, it was resolved that the resignation of Mrs. Judith (Judy) Olabisi, dated March 19, 2015, be accepted and effective as of the same date. Motion carried.

II. Approval of February 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

On a motion duly made by Ms. Clark, seconded by Mr. Manes, it was resolved that the February 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, be accepted as read. Motion carried.

III. February 2015 Financial Report by the Treasurer

Mr. Kevin Hawley of WCESC reviewed the financial statements individually, answered questions (as Mr. Unversaw was attending a WCESC board meeting). More transparent descriptions were requested.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Manes, seconded by Ms. Clark, it was resolved that the February 2015 Financial Report, be accepted. Motion carried.

IV. Superintendent's Recommendations

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Clark, and seconded by Mr. Manes, the Board unanimously approved Items 1, Item 2, and Item 4, the following Superintendent Recommendations after clarification:

Item 1

I wish to recommend approval of Title I hours (outside of their normal ADA contract) for the following ADA Staff. To be paid from Title I funds.

Staff	Cost	Dec 8, 2014 – June 5, 2015
Adam Hines	\$22.50 / hr	Up to 8 hrs/week
Janelle Hutchinson	\$22.50 / hr	Up to 8 hrs/week

Discussion: Are these reflective of funds already in the budget? Yes, the funds for this allocation to pay Teachers Hines and Hutchinson are budgeted funds. Slots were filled after the school year started.

Item 2

I wish to recommend approval of the purchase of Akron Metro Regional Transit Authority Bus Passes for \$15,000.00 for the remainder of the School Year 2014-2015.

Discussion: Why are funds just now needed for more bus passes so late in the school year? Were they obtained at a discounted price? The bus pass budget was cut From \$50,000 to \$26,000 this year to balance the budget; Success Lab and annual student testing attendance depleted the existing funds.

Item 3

I wish to recommend approval to engage in a contract with Cotter Moving for ADA relocation from S. Main Street to 133 Merriman Road, both in Akron, Ohio, at the cost of (not to exceed) \$11,000.00 starting in May 2015.

Second quote was obtained from Summit Moving & Storage Co. for \$13,923.00.

On a motion duly made by Mr. Manes, seconded by Ms. Clark, it was resolved that the Cotter Moving & Storage Company quote is accepted as the company to move ADA from 335 S. Main Street to 133 Merriman Road, Akron, OH 44303 at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Motion carried.

Item 4

I wish to recommend approval of funds to pay the Steam Usage bills (Evans Building) through the end of Summer 2015 at the cost of \$15,000.

VI. Executive Session

President Howard asked for a motion for the Board to adjourn into Executive Session at 4:50pm. On a motion duly made by Mr. Manes, seconded by Ms. Clark, the Board recessed into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(2) to consider matters required to be kept confidential. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Mr. Howard Mr. Manes Ms. Clark

The Board reconvened at 5:00pm. Let the record reflect that the Board completed Executive Session and returned to the meeting.

Roll Call: Mr. Howard Mr. Manes Ms. Clark

VI. Business /Discussion

Board requested a geographical zip code made to assist in the selection of the next board director candidates. Would like to expand membership to city council, businesses in the area, and possibly candidates from academic institutions.

VII. Public Comments and Announcements

Agenda Nominations and Elections of Board Members will occur at the Tuesday, August 18, 2015 meeting at 5:00pm. The ADA Board of Directors Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 5:00pm.

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 5:00pm.**

VIII. Adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 5:10pm..



Mr. Curtis Howard, President
Board of Directors, Akron Digital Academy

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Date