

**MINUTES OF THE
DISTRICT SITE COUNCIL OF
DISTRICT 497- LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

February 15, 2018

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE

Community Council Members

Alee Phillips
Chris Souders

District Representatives

Anna Stubblefield, Interim Superintendent
Rick Ingram, BOE Member
Kelly Jones, BOE Member
David Cunningham, Executive Director, HR/Chief Legal Counsel
Myron Graber, Principal-FSHS
Kathy Johnson, Executive Director, Finance
Keith Jones, Principal- South Middle School
Lisa Koppes, DSC Member
Darcy Kraus, Director, Elementary Principals
Laurie Matney, DSC Member
Dawn Downing, Deputy Clerk

Absent

Bob Byers
Laurie Folsom
Jerri Kemble
Terry McEwen

I. Reports and Discussion

• **Superintendent Update**

David Cunningham shared that after the two special board meetings on January 16 and 17, the board narrowed down to two finalists- Dr. Anthony Lewis and Dr. Jayson Strickland. The board provided an open opportunity for anyone in the community to meet finalists at individual meet-and-greet receptions, held on January 23 & 24. January 29, Dr. Lewis was named the new superintendent. (Press Release Attached)

Dr, Stubblefield explained that Dr. Lewis wants to be involved in the decision making process regarding replacements and any type of reorganization. She is working collaboratively with him regarding decisions. Dr. Lewis will be in the district for the following-

- Feb. 26- Final New York Elementary Principal Interviews
- Mar. 5- Lunch with Board Members, Tour Schools, Meet with LEA reps and Joint meeting with Equity Advisory Council and DELTA (parents of color)
- Apr. 3- Community Conversation with Superintendent/LPS Board Members (Lawrence Public Library Auditorium 6:30-8:30 pm)

- Apr. 10- Lawrence Chamber Luncheon- Guest Speaker (Maceli's, 12pm)
- May 31- District School Improvement/CI3T

- **Patron Insight Survey Results (High School Start Time)**

The board hired a consultant (Patron Insight) to conduct a scientific survey of a cross-section of the community in November. Results of questions about a change in the high school start times showed that 78% of respondents felt the change should continue to be evaluated or be a priority for the board. Results from additional online surveys promoted to parents and staff showed that 69% of parents and 63% of staff respondents agreed.

Rick Ingram's proposal to move the start time from 8:05 to 8:30 am is to promote health and academic benefits for students associated with getting additional sleep. This proposal is based on the recommendation from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association.

There is a board work session planned for March 5th to discuss this in greater detail. At this session, pros/cons to initiating this change for the 2018-19 school year or 2019-20 school year will be provided.

Dr. Stubblefield shared that she had received feedback from parents who were not interested in having this implemented next year. In addition, she shared that there will be minimal expense regarding bus/transportation.

Rick Ingram has requested that the district admin reach out to other school districts who have already made this transition.

- **Fundraising Policy**

Currently LPS does not have a fundraising policy. David Cunningham and Kathy Johnson reviewed the fundraising policy that was recently drafted with the board representatives from the policy committee.

The main areas to address are- accountability, equity, approval criteria, internal controls, best practices (guidance on). Currently looking to address the concerns regarding door to door sales and misuse of funds. On addition, there is no interest to impose sales quotas or make fundraising mandatory in order to participate in an activity. Rick Ingram requested that the district administrators reach out to other school districts who have already made this transition.

Principals were asked to review with school groups (such as PTO) to obtain feedback. This info was being submitted by mid- February and returned to the board policy review committee. The goal is to have a draft for the February 26 board meeting.

Once approved, the policy will be shared with this group and made aware of when it becomes effective.

- Next meeting date – March 15, 2018

Adjournment