



ST. LANDRY CHARTER SCHOOL

GOVERNANCE BOARD MINUTES

Date: November 19, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Place: 1203 Burr Street, Opelousas, LA 70570

The St. Landry Charter School board meeting, held on November 19, 2024, began at 5:12 p.m. Following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, the board members in attendance were Steve Smith, Albert Simien, Dwight Brown, Mary Auzenne, Jonathan Fisher, Hazel Red, and Joel Greene III.

The academic and financial updates were deferred to the full board for further discussion.

During the meeting, Executive Director Debra Faul requested approval to build an Athletic Building with a budget not to exceed \$400,000. Although the estimated construction cost for the facility is \$300,000, an additional \$100,000 would be allocated for furnishings and finishing the building. Future expansions may occur when additional funds become available.

A motion was made by Albert Simien and seconded by Mary Auzenne to bring the Executive Director's request before the full board for further consideration.

Board Chair Steve Smith expressed his gratitude to the board members for their attendance at the meeting and extended thanks to all contributors for their efforts in the success of St. Landry Charter School.

The committee meetings were adjourned following a motion made by Albert Simien and seconded by Hazel Red.

The motion was approved with a motion by Dwight Brown and seconded by Jonathan Fisher. Roll call was taken, and with no objections, the motion carried.

Executive Director Debra Faul provided the following updates:

- The school's SPS (School Performance Score) is currently maintained at a "D," and efforts are being made to improve the score for FY25.
- The school has adopted a program called **high dosage tutoring**, where tutors work closely with students on their literacy skills three times a week for 30 minutes. This program provides hands-on experiences for both the students and their families.
- The school has implemented additional security measures, including more fencing, lighting, cameras, and other improvements to "harden" the school as a target and ensure a safer environment for students.

These efforts are part of ongoing work to enhance both academic performance and student safety.

Principal Simien shared the school's efforts to address the SPS score and improve for the upcoming year. He highlighted the following initiatives:

- **Teacher collaboration meetings** are being held to ensure alignment among the staff and to ensure that everyone is on the same page when it comes to student learning.

- **Scaffolding of materials** is being used to bridge any academic gaps and provide additional support to students.
- The school has **departmentalized subject matters**, allowing teachers to focus more specifically on addressing deficiencies in each subject area and improving student outcomes.

These steps are part of a targeted strategy to enhance academic performance and raise the SPS score in the coming year.

The board president expressed gratitude to the administrators and board members for their hard work and dedication.

A motion was made to dispense with item J, which was moved by Hazel Red and seconded by Jonathan Fisher.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m. following a motion by Albert Simien and seconded by Joel Greene.