

**MINUTES OF THE
ALGIERS CHARTER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Thursday, May 22, 2008, 6:55 P.M.**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Algiers Charter School Association, Inc. (“ACSA”) was held at William J. Fischer Elementary School, 1801 Whitney Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70114 on Thursday, May 22, 2008, beginning at approximately 6:55 p.m. The following Trustees were present:

- Elsie J. Rose, President
- Glenn P. Orgeron, Vice President
- Donna St. Louis
- Cassandra Bookman
- Stephanie Bridges

Absent:

- Charles Rice
- Mark L. McNamara

Also present were Chief Executive Office Brian Riedlinger and ACSA Director of Finance Bob Fulton.

A presentation on Fischer School led by Dahme Bolden preceded the official start of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:55 p.m. President Rose requested that counsel for ACSA, Mark R. Beebe, act as Secretary of the Meeting and Parliamentarian. Mr. Beebe called the roll, which was followed by the Meditation and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by student Jesse Bankston from Karr High School.

The first order of business was approval of the Minutes of the April 24, 2008 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Fulton noted a typo on page 3 and requested that the contract amount identified in par. 1 be corrected to read “\$10,000” not \$100,000.” Ms. Bridges then moved that the Minutes be approved subject to the suggested revision of Mr. Fulton, which motion after being duly seconded by Ms. St. Louis, unanimously passed.

The next order of business was then to amend the agenda by Ms. Rose to permit the Committee Reports to be presented first and to add under New Business, presentation of the proposed amendments to the ACSA Travel Policy.

Ms. Bookman so moved, and after being seconded by Ms. St. Louis, and after request for discussion and public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Ms. Bookman then presented the report of the Nominating Committee and reported:

- The Nominating would seek to secure the service of at least one parent to fill one of the two vacant Board seats;
- Solicitation and public advertising for Trustee applications would begin shortly.

In response to requests for comment and questions, Mr. Orgeron requested that the Board consider re-vamping the Board so that each member school had a seat on the Board. A discussion then ensued.

Ms. Rose then presented her proposal for a Parent Advisory Committee and Advisory Committee to the Board. Ms. Rose posed that Town Meetings would also be held to gather public comment and input into the management and governance of ACSA. Discussion then ensued, and Mr. Gutterrez requested that the creation and solicitation of membership on the Parent Advisory Committee be broad and include efforts to gather nominees in addition to those already identified from the previously held breakfasts.

Ms. St. Louis then presented an update on fund raising, including her recent discussions with Mary Gilliam and Susan Mancuso of SLC and that the proposed ACSA fund raising event will likely be hosted in the Spring of 2009 to permit adequate preparation and solicitation of volunteer support. Ms. St. Louis encouraged all interested individuals to call her at home at Red Oak Ct. in Tall Timbers.

Ms. Rose then presented the proposed Timeline for retention of the new CEO, which had been discussed previously with Dr. Riedlinger, the ACSA Administrators and its Principals and Assistant Principals and who supported it. Ms. Rose reported as follows:

May- July 2008	Process Committee meetings with various constituencies to gather feedback relating to CEO search process
July 1, 2008	Designation of Chair of Search Committee
Aug. 1, 2008	Members of the Search Committee Named
Aug. 15, 2008	Begin Solicitation
Sept. 30, 2008	Application deadline
October 15, 2008	Committee reviews/interviews candidates
December 1, 2008	Recommendation to Trustees
January 31, 2009	New CEO retained

A discussion then ensued regarding the timeline and the scope of the proposed search, the cost of the search and whether search firms would be employed.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Ms. Rose then represented the Board would create a CEO Process Committee consisting of the following representatives:

CEO Process Committee

Two (2) ASCA Parents

Community/Business Leader
Principal
Assistant Principal
Teacher
Representative from Baptist Ministries
Board of Trustee Member
ACSA Central Staff
University Representative
ASCA Student

Discussion ensued and Public comment was received. At the conclusion of which Ms. Rose excused herself from the meeting at approximately 7:50 pm and “passed the gavel” to Mr. Orgeron to preside.

Mr. Orgeron then proceeded with the Agenda and called on Dr. Riedlinger to present his report.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Dr. Riedlinger presented materials and reported the following: (i) three days of Principal and AP interviews were held, and Monica Boudouin was selected as the principal of Eisenhower. Re-interviews will be held for principal of Tubman and AP’s at Tubman, Eisenhower, and McDonogh #32 on May 28th; (ii) twenty ACSA Teachers completed an one year Aspiring Leaders training; (iii) ACSA teacher celebration was held on Thursday, May 15th at ATA. All teachers were in attendance, and each teacher shared with other teachers new methods acquired. Each school presented a multi media presentation of the past year. Retirees Patsy Gearing and Cynthia Bernard were honored as was Brian Young and Rene Lewis –Carter; (iv) selection of ACSA’s new master degree cohort at OLHCC will take place in early June; (v) ACSA is in the final stages of receiving a large grant from the TIF Foundation supporting TAP for RSD schools. It is planned that Harte and Karr will be included next year; and (vi) second ACSA Board breakfast was held on May14th. The next date is June 18th.

The following Administrators presented materials, including a calendar of ACSA sporting events, and gave reports on the following subjects:

ASCA Athletics	AD Brian Gibson
Current Enrollment and Openings	Hank Shepard
ACSA Test Score Comparison	Kevin Gutterrez
Salary Comparison	Monique Maldonado-Brown

The Trustees then posed questions to Dr. Riedlinger and the presenting Administrators on their reports. At the close of these discussions, Mr. Fulton was called upon to make his report to the Board.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Fulton updated the Board on the following: (i) ACSA has received \$2,029,000 as the ACSA portion of the \$10,000,000 which OPSB sent the RSD as the first payment of the \$41 million which OPSB owed from 2006/2007 tax year to the RSD and its charters. We understand that OPSB has sent to the RSD the second \$10,000,000. However the RSD does not plan to send this to the charters as it wants to reconcile its accounts with OPSB and then its charters. For example, the RSD owes OPSB considerable funds for electricity and gas bills accruing since 2006. The ACSA approximate \$555,000 is included in this settlement. These bills arose from Entergy not identifying electricity and gas accounts at Behrman, Fischer, Walker, Tubman, McDonough #32 and Algiers Technology Academy to us when we took the schools over, and Entergy continued to bill OPSB. OPSB then did not contact us to inform us of the situation. We have taken over the accounts since then but a portion of the settlement with us on the second \$10,000,000 will be absorbed by this amount; (ii) ACSA has also received \$1,025,000 in Restart claims, and \$155,000 in Hurricane Katrina Foreign contribution Claims. At this juncture we have \$822,000 still outstanding under Restart and \$1,024,000 outstanding under Hurricane Katrina Foreign Contribution grant; (iii) ACSA submitted our 3/31/08 7 AFR's to the state on May 2, 2008, on time arrival; (iv) the 3/31/08 results in summary form which shows on a consolidated basis the ACSA continues in surplus.

Mr. Fulton also reported that the Finance Committee inquired as to the line item under Purchased Professional & Technical Services in the ACSA Income Statement, which consists primarily of the SLC contract, attorneys services and professional development expenses. The Finance Committee has requested additional back-up for these expenditures.

Mr. Fulton then reported on ACSA contracts over \$10,000 and recommended for approval by the Board the summer school busing transportation contract in the amount of \$80,000. Upon motion of Ms. Bridges and second by Ms. St. Louis and after board discussion and the opportunity for public comment, the Trustees approved the contract by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business. The agenda then moved to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Elizabeth Smith then presented the proposed amendments to the ACSA Travel Policy. Discussion then ensued.

REMARKS OF THE TRUSTEES

Inquiry was made of Dr. Riedlinger into the status of legislation that potentially affects ACSA, to which Dr. Riedlinger provided a response.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Ms. St. Louis motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ms. Bridges, and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at approximately 9:05 p.m.

/s/ Mark R. Beebe _____
Secretary of Meeting