

**THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT & SUPPORT COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SEPTEMBER 5, 2019**  
**MINUTES**

A Student Achievement & Support Committee meeting was held on September 5, 2019, in the Board Committee Room of the School District of Philadelphia Education Center, 440 North Broad Street, Suite 101.

The meeting was convened at 5:04 p.m.

**Co-Chair Dr. McIver** called the roll and made announcements concerning recording, copyright laws, participation in, and viewing of the meeting.

**Committee Members present:** Co-Chair McGinley, Co-Chair McIver, Julia Danzy, Mallory Fix-Lopez

**Committee Members Absent:** Dr. Maria McColgan

**District Staff Present:** Dr. Shawn Bird, Chief of Schools, Malika Savoy-Brooks, Chief Academic Support, Christina Grant, Interim Chief of Charter Schools

The minutes of the **June 13, 2019** meeting of the Student Achievement & Support Committee were considered for approval by Committee members. A voice vote approved the minutes of the meeting by a vote of:

Yes: 4 and No: 0.

**Dr. McIver** stated that the minutes have been approved and are posted to the committee's webpage.

**Dr. Bird** (Chief of Schools) provided the committee with an update highlighting school opening and talent vacancies. **Dr. Bird** also invited **Karyn Lynch** (Chief of Student Supports) to discuss the 2019-2020 school selection process. **Dr. Savoy Brooks** (Chief Academic Officer) invited Yaasiyn Muhammad and Shaquita Smith from the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment to provide the committee with a presentation on the state of Voter Education and Registration in the District.

**Committee members** ask questions regarding the District's process for collecting student voter registration information and the process for monitoring and ensuring that all teachers have the tools necessary to help students through the process.

**Christina Grant**, Interim Chief of Charter Schools provided an update on this years New Charter Application Cycle and the 2019-2020 Charter Renewal Cohort. Ms. Grant also highlighted Action Items 39 - 47 for the committees review.

Additionally, **Dr. Bird and Dr. Savoy-Brooks** highlighted Action Items 6, 8, 9, 32, 33, and 35.

Committee members ask clarifying questions regarding the scope of work associated with Action Items and student accessibility.

**Dr. McGinley** facilitated the public participation portion of the meeting.

**Cheri Michaeu**, community member, expressed her desire for the District to prepare quality instructions for English Learners.

**Zoe Rooney**, community member, expressed concerns regarding the school selection process.

**Lisa Haver**, community member, expressed concerns regarding the charter schools office updates and transparency surrounding charter school agreements.

**Mama Gail Clouden**, community members expressed concerns surrounding parent engagement.

**Leah Clouden**, community member, expressed concerns regarding the use of space at Penrose Elementary school.

**Horace Clouden**, community member expressed concerns regarding student achievement and the School Progress Report.

**Lynda Rubin**, community member, expressed concerns regarding the school selection process.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.