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## **Board Meeting Minutes April 20, 2010**

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Prestige Academy was held on April 20, 2010 at 6:08 p.m. A quorum was established based on the attendance of the following Board members: Dana Balick, Don Mell, Dana Davisson, Rita Vasta, Rodney Merriweather, Vergie Cooper, Van Hampton, and Bob Ritterbeck.

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The following staff member(s) were present: Jack Perry, Executive Director.

The following Board member(s) were not present: Rev Vincent Oliver and Lakiyah Chambers.

### **(I.) Approval of 3/16/10 Minutes**

- **VOTED:** At 6:09p.m., R. Vasta made a motion and second by B. Ritterbeck to approve the February 16, 2010 minutes.

### **Presentation**

**Presenter:** Innovative Schools local non-profit organization with a mission to promote outstanding student achievement in Delaware.

**Information:** Presentation from Becky Van Pelt and Greg Ciminera about the array of services offered. Assistance with the charter renewal process was detailed. Innovative Schools is in the process of developing a local team to assist with the charter renewal process. They are no longer working with Elevate Charter Schools out of New York.

### **(II.) Consent Agenda**

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Development Committee Report** – D. Balick updated the board on grants, fundraising efforts underway, tours of the school for potential supporters, volunteers and funders. Board members are asked to take responsibility for a breakfast meeting in the coming months.

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Board members should invite contacts to participate in a tour at Prestige. Contact Dana Balick or Danielle Sullivan to sign up. Van Hampton is interested in a May or June tour and Tarik Haskins is interested in gathering contacts for a September tour.

- **Academic Achievement Report**-March interim assessment was reviewed and progress continues. Peggy Vavalla attended the committee meeting and will join the committee again in June.
- **Governance Committee**-April meeting did not occur due to the Board Retreat.

**VOTED:** At 6:47 p.m., R. Vasta made a motion and second by V. Hampton to approve the entire consent agenda previously distributed to board members, the motion was approved by all.

**Financial Report:** R. Merriweather presented the financial report.

**VOTED:** R. Vasta made a motion at 6:48 p.m. and seconded by D. Davisson to approve the March 2010 finance report as submitted and approve the school budget for website posting. The motion was approved by all.

### **(III.) New Business**

May 3, 2010 Superstars in Education Dinner. Board members are asked to attend and donate \$50.00 for tickets.

### **(IV.) Update from Board Chair**

No update

### **(V.) Public Comment**

None.

### **(VI.) Executive Session**

Discussed a student matter. Entered executive session at 6:58p.m.. R. Vasta made a motion to exit Executive session at 7:08p.m., second by V. Hampton.

### **(VII.) Wrap-up/Adjournment**

#### **VOTED:**

The next Board of Directors meeting for Prestige Academy will be held May 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at 1121 Thatcher Street Conference Room Wilmington, DE 19802.

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There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made by R. Vasta and second by T. Haskins and approved by the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jack L. Perry  
Executive Director

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