



MAURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCAL SCHOOL ADVISORY TEAM

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Meeting Minutes—DRAFT

February 7, 2020

School Leadership Present: Helena Payne Chavenet, Taeneress Griffin

LSAT Members Present: Stefany Thangavelu, VanNessa Duckett, D'Angela Williams, Elizabeth Nelson, Shannon von Felden, Jean Kohanek (Chair), Becca Schendel Norris, D'Ann Lettieri, Katie Spellacy, Norah Rabiah, Becca Sanghvi

Other Attendees: David Pinchotti

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:34 am. The Chair noted that this was a special meeting to discuss the budget for next year.

Minutes. Elizabeth Nelson made a motion to approve the January 7 meeting minutes; Shannon von Felden seconded the motion. Minutes unanimously approved on voice vote.

Budget Discussion. Elizabeth Nelson made a motion to move into closed session for budget discussions pertaining to confidential personnel matters (per D.C. Official Code §2-575(b)(10)); Becca Schendel Norris seconded the motion. The Chair asked for a roll call vote.

Attendee David Pinchotti interjected and cautioned against closing the entire meeting, stating that the LSAT did not yet know if it was going to have a personnel discussion. He warned the LSAT that they are increasing their chances of an Open Meetings Act complaint if they proceeded.

The Chair stated that the entire budget discussion pertained to personnel because the LSAT would be discussing staffing levels; she was comfortable moving forward in closed session because she had communicated this week with the D.C. Office of Open Government on this matter. Principal Payne Chauvenet confirmed that personnel matters would be discussed.

The Chair again asked for a roll call vote on moving into closed session. In favor: Nelson, von Felden, Williams, Duckett, Thangavelu, Spellacy, Lettieri, Norris, Kohanek. (LSAT Members Rabiah and Sanghvi arrived after vote was in progress.) Opposed: None.

The meeting was closed to the public at this time.

As there were no other items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 am. The next LSAT meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 at 7:30 am.