



# KIPP DELTA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## KIPP Delta, Inc. Minutes of the Board of Director's Meeting

Date: July 20, 2010  
Time: 5:00 p.m.  
Place: KIPP Delta Public Schools  
Helena, AR  
Attendance: Chalk Mitchell, Scott Shirey, Chris Allen, Matt Colburn were present. Ginny Blankenship, Randy Zook, Brent Black, and Maisie Wright attended via video conference and conference call. Roberta Vallardo and Stephanie Pink were also in attendance. They are representatives of Southern Rural Development Center and third party evaluators from the Walton Family Foundation. They are focusing on the KIPP and its impact on the community.

### I. Introduction

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:21 p.m.

### II. Consent Agenda

#### A. Minutes from May Board Meeting

Mr. Mitchell asked that the minutes from the May meeting be approved. Mrs. Allen seconded the motion.

#### B. Board Chair Report

Mr. Mitchell discussed new structure set for upcoming board meetings to be quarterly meetings. As well as inviting all members of the board to KIPP Summit in Las Vegas, NV for August 2-6.

#### C. Executive Directors Report

Mr. Scott Shirey discussed as of July 12, 2010 there are now four KIPP Delta Public Schools in Arkansas. Also stating the new KIPP Blytheville Public School opened on July 12, 2010 with 62 new students. KIPP Elementary Literacy Academy has moved into 215 Cherry Street and KIPP College Preparatory School has a new campus at 514 Missouri Street in Helena-West Helena next to KIPP Collegiate

High. Summer School for all KIPP Delta Public Schools began on July 12, 2010.

Discussion of the school board waiver of monthly school board meetings to quarterly meetings was discussed showing KIPP Delta Public Schools school board is the only school board with this waiver which brings more responsibility for KIPP Delta in the future.

The waiver also stated for a new grade scale for the High school stating the grade point average of 69 and below is now failing. KIPP Delta Public Schools are the only school with this policy along with the only school with the ability to keep students until 4pm each day of the week. KIPP Delta Public Schools was also approved to teach Algebra at the middle school level.

Sam Commella has accepted his new offer for a seat on the school board. Mark Nichols has stepped down from his position of four years on the board. His work is very much appreciated and a gift is to be sent.

The board made an offer to Miss Tatum to join the school board; however she could not accept the offer.

#### D. School Reports

##### 1. Elementary Literacy Academy

The report was offered and approved by the board. The start of summer school with Elementary literacy academy began on July 12 with kindergarten through second grade.

KIPP ELA hired three new first year Teach For America teachers: Kevin Alster, Ashley Jeans, and Ashley Ruth Linford, along with two new teachers with three plus years of experience. KIPP ELA also hired a new counselor for the elementary age group. The Elementary school currently has 164 students enrolled and will focus culture and structure during the summer and move to academics in the fall.

##### 2. KIPP Delta College Preparatory

The report was to be offered by Heather Saunders in place of Jemar Tisby due to prior arrangements. DCPS has relocated to 514 Missouri Street next to the Collegiate High. DCPS

welcomes four new Teach For America teachers, Annie Fiscus, Chris Johnson, Kristen Le, and Erica Terrell.

There is a waiting list of 15 students and more for grades 6-8. At the time there are more students than ever before in the middle school. DCPS has purchased new Dell laptop computers for all staff for efficiency in the classroom and between staff members and teachers.

86% of DCPS passed the algebra I class and none have to repeat this course. 100 % passed the geometry course end of the year exam as well.

### 3. KIPP Delta Collegiate

The report was to be offered for approval within the consent agenda. Luke Van De Walle gave the report for Delta Collegiate. Stephanie Graham will be new assistant principle starting fall 2010. Todd Dixon has shown much growth as a leader along with Mike Cummins taking a role of running the ninth grade during summer school.

### 4. KIPP Blytheville College Preparatory

KIPP Blytheville opened on July 12, 2010 with 62 students. Ms. Wright is hoping to gain more students in mid August for the start of school. The school is receiving great feedback and responses from community. The report was motioned to approve by Scott Shirey.

## E. Financial Report

This was accepted as written. 65% of unrestricted balance was in account at the end of the year. End net loss was 98,000 dollars. The start for the year will be approximately \$1.35 million dollars.

## F. Development Report

Fundraise more this year. Development team added a new hire, Meg Salta, graduate of Quinnipiac University with BA in Psychology for the associate development position located in

Helena, AR central office. Approval needed for national lunch act for field lessons.

#### G. Operations Report

Elementary school and Middle school are officially moved to the new buildings. The budget for this year is at 1.3 million dollars.

A summer storm burst a pipe in the gymnasium and damaged 30,000 dollars worth of computers. 50 percent of the gym floor was damaged and will be covered by insurance for around 250,000 dollars.

New lighting installed at all campus' for security and to prevent future break-in cases to the schools.

### III. Action Items

#### A. Board Nominations

Sam Comella is a new member of the KIPP board of directors.

Meetings are now approved by the state board of education to have quarterly meetings rather than monthly.

#### B. Board Calendar

The school and board calendar was discussed. The State Board meeting on July 12<sup>th</sup> gave Mr. Shirey approval for the waiver to quarterly meetings. The meetings will be on July 20<sup>th</sup>, **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, **January 18<sup>th</sup>**, and **April 19<sup>th</sup>**.

### VI. Other Topics of Discussion

There were no other topics of discussion and members would bring other ideas to the next meeting.

Ms. Blankenship will think up committee assignments and email them to the Board members in preparation for the next meeting, also.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Chalk made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Shirey second. The meeting ended at 6:47 p.m.

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Chalk Mitchell,  
Board President

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Scott Shirey,  
Executive Director