



**Work Session Minutes**  
**Montgomery Education Foundation**  
**Board of Directors Work Session**  
**Davis Elementary School**  
**Nixon Elementary School**  
**Bellingrath Middle School**  
**August 28, 2023**  
**@ Bellingrath Middle School**

Present: Dave Borden, Paul Hankins, Caroline Novak, Jay Love, Danyiel Wadkins, Keesha Jones and Marcus Vandiver. Also present: Ann Sikes, Ericka Anderson, Ladedra Frazier, Mary Holloway, Kenneth Kirkland, Chris Reynolds and Nash Campbell.

Mr. Hankins called the meeting to order and asked for a voice roll call of board members present. Seven of eight members were present.

**Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Ms. Novak and seconded by Mr. Love to adjourn to Executive Session. Mr. Campbell certified that the purpose of the session was to discuss good name and character and potential litigation.

**Principals and Regional Director Reports:**

Dr. Holloway, Ms. Frazier and Mr. Kirkland shared information on the 2023 opening of school. All schools are fully staffed.

Ms. Anderson shared action plans being implemented for continued improvement in Reading, ELA, Math and Chronic Absenteeism.

Bellingrath and Nixon schools shared the need for maintaining a “uniform closet” to assist students/families in need.

**Financial:**

Mr. Love presented the MEF financials.

Mr. Reynolds reviewed the PLA/EVE Financial Statements.

Mr. Hankins confirmed that the supplemental funds authorized by the legislature for SY 2023 have been received and distributed to each school.

Ms. Sikes and Mr. Love provided the completed FY 2022 Audit and 990 Filing. There were no findings or significant deficiencies identified.

Ms. Sikes confirmed that a letter regarding FY2024 budget and funding was sent on 7/30/23 to both MPS and ASDE requesting documentation, information and a meeting to determine appropriate funding allocations in compliance with the charter statute. The ASDE requested that MEF reach out to MPS again to request information and a meeting. A request was made on August 7<sup>th</sup>. To date, no information has been received and no meeting has been scheduled by MPS.

**Data:**

Ms. Sikes presented the SY 2023 ACAP data for both ELA and Math for all schools. It was noted that the State Report Cards have not been issued.

Mr. Reynolds presented and reviewed the Data/Governance dashboard.

**Board Governance:**

Ms. Sikes reported that plans for use of the Alternative School are being finalized with MPS.

**Executive Director's Report:**

Ms. Sikes reviewed the CSP Grant distributions and shared that a CSP Compliance visit will occur on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Nixon and Bellingrath will be reviewed.

Ms. Sikes reported that the Yield grant application had made the first cut and will now proceed to the "Peer Review" phase.

The updated Starbase MOA with Maxwell AFB was shared and reviewed. This MOA is updated every two years.

Ms. Sikes noted the Starbase "Celebration Event" is anticipated to occur in late October.

Ms. Sikes reported that office space for MEF has been offered by the Chamber of Commerce. The move should take place by year end.

There being no other items on the agenda, the work session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Ann M. Sikes  
President