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**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Monday, March 6, 2017 - 12:00pm**

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Allan Muchin called the meeting to order pursuant to the public Notice.

The following members were in attendance:

John Butler
Guy Comer
Cecil Curtwright
Kate Gilligan
Archana Kumar
Harvey Medvin
Michael Milkie
Allan Muchin
Anne Mueller
Nancy Northrip
Troy Ratliff
Jonathan Reinsdorf
John Rowe - phone
Barbara Speer
Steve Sullivan
Bryan Traubert
Jennifer Wilson

Agenda Item 1: Public Comment

Becky Welch a teacher at Hansberry College Prep, Mary Sweeny a teacher at Pritzker College Prep, Ivy McDaniel a teacher at Golder College Prep, and James Kerr a teacher at Hansberry College Prep addressed the Board regarding their desire to join with colleagues to form a union of Noble Educators. In addressing the Board and Mr. Milkie, they requested the right to an open process free of interference.

Several elected officials also spoke before the Board. Alderman George Cardenas, State Representative Theresa Mah, and Alderman Carlos Ramirez-Rosa voiced their support of Noble educators that seek to unionize.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes from 12.5.16

Mr. Ratliff moved to approve the previously circulated minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting. Mr. Butler seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

Agenda Item 3: Committee Reports

A. Audit & Finance Report

Mr. Milkie presented the New Market Tax Credit (NMTC) resolution for the financing of Mansueto High School. Ms. Wilson, chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, recommended the resolution to the Board. Mr. Curtwright moved the resolution to accept the NMTC and Mr. Comer seconded the motion. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote of the Board.

B. Facilities Report

Mr. Madden provided an update on the construction of Mansueto High School and announced that construction is on schedule to be complete by August 1st. He also shared that budget is on track with thanks to financing and philanthropy.

C. Executive Report

Mr. Nicksch presented the College Report and discussed the success of Noble's Pritzker Access Scholars (PAS) program. Last year, 82% of Pritzker Access Scholars enrolled in college and 100% of those scholars reenrolled in January. Mr. Nicksch also explained the development of a new position to further support Noble graduates and alumni in an effort to improve college enrollment and persistence rates.

Mr. Milkie acknowledged that this is Mr. Curtwright's final meeting as a member of Noble's Board. Mr. Nicksch thanked Mr. Curtwright for his service as a Board member and the time that he has dedicated to Noble.

The Principal Spotlight featured Chris Goins, the founding principal at Butler College Prep. Mr. Goins shared a video that students compiled featuring the staff at Butler College Prep. Mr. Goins highlighted recent campus events, extracurricular activities, and athletic accomplishments at Butler. He also shared that the campus will be graduating their first senior class this spring and they are proud to announce a 100% college acceptance rate among the senior class.

D. External Affairs Report

Ms. Brewer presented the white paper recently released by the Illinois Network of Charter School. This report uses publicly available data to illustrate the success of charter schools across the city of Chicago in comparison to traditional public schools. Ms. Brewer highlighted two big takeaways: 1) Charter public school graduates are 20% more likely to enroll in college than traditional counterparts including selective enrollment schools; 2) One half of the top twenty Chicago Public Schools in terms of college enrollment are charter schools.

Agenda Item 4: Other Matters

None.

Mr. Ratliff moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Northrip seconded the motion. Mr. Muchin officially adjourned the meeting at 12:47pm.

Recorded and submitted by
Andrea Hoffer
Clerk of the Board