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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2020 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The HIM By HER Collegiate School for the Arts (HBHCSA) School Board held its public school board meeting on Saturday, September 12, 2020 at the HIM By HER Foundation (HBHF) Headquarters/HIM By HER Collegiate School for the Arts (HBHCSA) Building (4501 East 32nd Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46218).

Chairman John Bartlett called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m. The following Board Members were in attendance: John Bartlett (Chair); Wayne Wellington (Vice Chair); Harry Dunn (President and Executive Director); Michelle Christian Dunn (Treasurer); Gregory Gadson (Secretary); James Leonard; Keith White; and Daryl Williams-Dotson. Missing: Rev. Shonda Gladden of nine (9) existing Board Members. A quorum was present.

Additional attendees: Sondra Towne (School Leader/Principal); and Marcus Miller (School Finance Committee).

All attendees introduced themselves.

Gregory Gadson reminded all that minutes of all School Board Meetings will be posted online.

Michelle Dunn gave the Treasurer's Report. After motion and second, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.

Harry Dunn gave the **President's Report**. After motion and second, the President's Report was unanimously accepted. Highlights of the President's Report include: The School opened on August 17, 2020 and serves Kindergarten through Second Grade. Ms. Sondra Towne, the School Leader, reported that school is off to a great start, children are happy, and they will begin incorporating culturally relevant pedagogy where appropriate. The building progress is on schedule, and includes indoors, along with the very large classroom space, the Enterprise City, William Crawford Memorial Park, and other features. The first school "counting day" will be September 18, 2020. The challenges presented for operating during the COVID-19 pandemic were discussed, including the fact that new schools have no rainy-day funds. The public health considerations and COVID-19 strategy (including UV-ray wands) are being managed very well, and social distancing, mask-wearing, and disinfecting/cleaning guidelines are being strictly adhered to. There is a push and need to increase student enrollment for near-term sustainability.

Contracts that will contribute soft funds have been executed and are still being negotiated for peripheral space (separate and apart from the school space, with no access to the school during school hours) in the large building, including the operation of the Industrial City™ vocational training program, wrap-around services, the operation of a CNA program after hours, pre-k programs, anger management, physical fitness, and others. Marketing outreach is going well, reaching 113,000 people, with 22,000 comments (all positive). We are still committed to provide a free bicycle for every new student who enrolls. There will be community meetings on the first Friday of each month. A charity boxing match will occur on November 6, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. between Harry Dunn and former world heavyweight boxing champion Lamon Brewster.

Old Business: A free concert for the public discussion was led by Keith White. The concert is proposed for October at a cost of \$2,000 on the school grounds, and it would include several local artists. The cost includes all but electricity. A motion to hold a free concert using \$2,000 in soft funds on either October 4th, 10th, 11th, or 17th on the school grounds was unanimously approved, with Keith White in charge of organizing and logistics.

New Business: Keith White: Drum Corps International is asking to use the facilities in the first week of August, 2021. The Board will revisit making a decision in January, 2021. We are also considering collaborations with Music for All, the Percussive Arts Society, and Bongo Boy.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

A tour of building followed the meeting.

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Attested to by:

/s/ Gregory P. Gadson
Gregory P. Gadson, Corporate Secretary
HIM By HER Foundation, Inc.

Date: September 12, 2020