**Ralph J. Bunche Middle School**

**Date: March 16, 2021**

**Time: 5:00pm**

**Location: Zoom**

1. **Roll Call**

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| **Role** | **Name** *(or Vacant)* | **Present or Absent** |
| **Principal** | **Mr. Octavius Harris** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Mr. Alfonsa Hightower** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** | **Mrs. Aretha Asberry** | **Present** |
| **Parent/Guardian** |  |  |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Mrs. Diana Harris** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Ms. Gretchian Blair** | **Present** |
| **Instructional Staff** | **Ms. Angela Andrews** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Mrs. Mia Thornton-Wilson** | **Present** |
| **Community Member** | **Mr. Jamal Greer** | **Present** |
| **Swing Seat** | **Dr. Vernita Byrd** | **Present** |
| **Student** *(High Schools)* |  |  |

1. **Action Items:** 
   1. **Approval of Agenda:** **Motion** [Passes/Fails]

Members Approving: Mrs. Asberry/ Mrs. Thornton-Wilson

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

* 1. **Approval of Previous Minutes: Motion** [Passes/Fails]

Members Approving: Mr. Hightower/ Dr. Byrd

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

* 1. **Approval of Budget: Motion/***New positions (details) added for the 2021-2022 school year* [Passes/Fails]

\*Cares Act funding $347, 703 (1 year funding, hopefully funding will be replenished in the 22-23 school year)

\*Verizon Wireless act funded the Instructional Technology Specialist

\*Not abolishing the Behavior Specialist recreated through CARES ACT

\*Additional (2) Intervention Specialist

\*Abolished Master Teacher Leader and create a SST ELA Intervention Specialist

\*Verizon grant is renewable for 3 years (1.4 million over three-year period)

1. SST specialist
2. 8 full time tutors for $120K
3. 23K for materials and supplies

Additional funds were used to provide interventions to students.

Members Approving: Hightower/Asberry

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**Discussion:**

SST Interventionist half day support students and other have they will support and lead intervention program. SST ELA will ensure that every student will receive the additional support daily. They will primarily they have the 8 tutors. Mr. Harris stated that many of our students have suffered some form of loss, although many have thrived.

Hands on Atlanta will pay a portion of the salaries for the tutors. The ITS salary will come directly from the school budget.

1. **Principal Report**

APS will remain virtual the week after spring break to ensure safety after high travel period. Not one incident of COVID exposure has occurred in the BMS. March 22nd will be the first day for additional students to return to school (86 students) increasing our number to the mid 200. School enrollment is still around 940. School will look different in the fall, but virtual learning will continue to be an option. Bunche MS will assist parents with the decision of helping their child to return face-to-face. Bunche has not been selected as a summer school site. Our teachers will have the opportunity to apply to work at the different sites.

1. Announcement

Next Meeting May 11th @5pm

1. **Adjournment** [Passes/Fails]

Motion made by:  Hightower Seconded by:  Asberry

Members Approving:

Members Opposing:

Members Abstaining:

**ADJOURNED AT 5:33pm**

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**Minutes Taken By:** Ms. Gretchian Blair

**Position:** Secretary

**Date Approved:** March 16, 2021