

**Dreamland Academy of Performing & Communication Arts  
Board of Directors' Special Call Meeting  
November 21, 2011**

**AGENDA**

**I. PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Roll Call

**II. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

- A. Welcome to Guests
- B. Board President's Comments & Announcements
- C. Superintendent's Monthly Report

**III. FINANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES**

N/A

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Approval of Minutes of Regular November Meeting
- 2. Approval of Ronald Land, Math Tutor & Coordinator of Academic Games

**V. BOARD POLICY AND REGULATIONS REVIEW**

N/A

**VI. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

N/A

**VII. HUMAN RESOURCES**

N/A

**VIII. CLOSING REMARKS**

**IX. HEARINGS**

N/A

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Item One: Approval of the Minutes of the Regular November meeting of the Board of Directors.**

**Background: The first is the minutes of the November meeting must be approved by the Board so we can submit the charter school renewal application by its due date (January 4, 2012). The Board will not convene its regular meeting until the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in January, 2012.**

## Item Two: Approval of Employment Contract of Ronald Land

**Background:** We are undergoing a number of audits because we are up for renewal. The Scholastic Audit will be an audit where a group of people (retired teachers, school administrators, and parents) will visit Dreamland and review all our learning interventions. We are solid in our reading and writing interventions as we have everyone tutoring students in reading in small groups throughout the school day. The same is not true for mathematics.

We have completed the NWEA assessments for the first quarter and in analyzing the results we learn that we have a dire need to provide small group tutoring in mathematics. NWEA tests students' understanding of Benchmark standards and groups students with similar needs in terms of what they do not understand, making these groupings ideal for small group tutoring.

Mr. Loken, Math-Science Specialist, advised that we need to employ a math tutor to provide the specific tutoring the students in grades 3-5 need in terms of the math standards. I agree with his recommendation.

Ronnie Land, son of Dr. Brendly Clark, is a former UALR Dean's list student. He has been volunteering as a tutor and recess supervisor since the 2011-12 school year began. Mark has recommended the employment of Ronnie as math tutor and after school coordinator of academic math games. I support that recommendation as well. Ronnie will tutor students in mathematics and serve as the coordinator of academic games, specifically, Equations, a math game that is competitive and engaging for students.

**Budget Impact:** 20,000 (pro-rated)

**Recommendation:** that the Board approves the employment of Ronnie Land as math tutor and coordinator of academic games, so we can begin intensive tutoring in math after Thanksgiving Break.