



**Eagle Arts Academy, Inc.
Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Minutes

January 9, 2017

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Eagle Arts Academy, Inc., was held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at the school library, 1000 Wellington Trace, Wellington, Florida, pursuant to due notice commencing at 12:07pm.

Roll Call: Michelle Morley, Chantal Segurola; Via Teleconference: Tim Quinn, Donna McGowan, Dr. Jon Robertson, Colleen Kirk (quorum established)

Administrative Staff: Principal Gregory Blount, Phil DiComo, Legal Counsel; Via Teleconference: Joe Asen, Financial Advisor from CSMC.

Board Chair Tim Quinn called the meeting to order and motioned for Mr. Blount to chair the meeting

Colleen Kirk seconds Mr. Blount to lead meeting

Motion unanimously approved

1. Old Business:

Approval of December 12, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes:

After review,

Michelle Morley motions to accept the December 12, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Chantal Segurola seconds the motion

Motion unanimously approved

E-Rate Grant Update

EAA received a grant for our fiber optics wiring & network for \$72,893.10 for the Wellington campus, which requires matching funds of \$18,223.28 to be funded by the school. Mr. Blount updated the directors on the grant process. After meeting with the grant administrators and vendors, based on the board's authorization at the December board meeting, the school has moved forward with the installation process and the entire project should be completed prior to the end of the month. The school determined that the current technology is so old it is working at only ten percent capacity, and is hindering staff from completing testing and other technology-driven educational requirements. The current system will remain online as the new system is completed, tested and brought on-line. The school portion has been financed at highly favorable terms with a current finance vendor.



Members of the board commented favorably as to the improved technology. Mr. Blount informed the board that an addition \$22,000 grant has been awarded to the school to reimburse the school's entire expense.

2. New Business:

Budget Amendment

A proposed revised budget was provided to board members prior to the meeting. Mr. Blount explained that the budget anticipates a student count of 650 students, and that since this is the first day of school for the semester the school should have the final count based on today's attendance by the end of the day or tomorrow. Mr. Blount has been working with Mr. Asen to revise the budget based on current enrollment and other circumstances. Mr. Blount noted that the additional technology grant has been added to the budget, as well as additional funds which are being returned to the school from a surety bond in favor of FPL which is now being released back to the school. The directors discussed the budget, including questions related to school fund-raising efforts, the details of the student count, and related issues. After discussion,

Dr. Jon Robertson motions to accept and approve the revised budget based on the 650 student count

Colleen Kirk seconds the motion
Motion unanimously approved

Board of Directors Nominating Committee

Mr. Blount and Ms. Morley, the members of the nominating committee, reported that they would like to propose that EAA parent Sheri Klostermeyer be nominated to election as a member of the board of directors. Mrs. Klostermeyer's resume was circulated to directors, who agreed to review and take up the nomination at the February board meeting. Ms. Morley reported that Mrs. Klostermeyer is not only involved as a member of the Parent Advisory Committee, but is also a classroom and testing volunteer, and has demonstrated her interest in the school's success. She also works as an information technology analyst.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Staffing Matrix Update

Mr. Blount reported that he and Ms. Taggart are working with Dr. Copeland to implement a new middle school teaching plan by January 17. The goal is to match teachers with their certifications and teaching strengths in order to best meet student education objectives. For example, Mr. Blount noted that a lower grade teacher who is also ESE & ESOL certified will be moved to best use her skills and experience. Another lower grade teacher



who is also a certified reading specialists will be moved to best use her skills and experience. Mr. Blount also noted that Middle School parents will receive communications from the school regarding their children's reading levels, FSA score and Winter Diagnostic results. Board members commented positively, and commended Mr. Blount and Ms. Taggart for their hard work.

ESE Department Status Update

Mr. Blount gave an update on the work being done to correct prior issues in the ESE department. He stated that the new ESE coordinator Liz Varano, along with the assistance of Sue Cutler and Beverly Latimer, have made great strides in a short period of time to bring the school in full compliance and best meet the needs of ESE students.

BOARD COMMENTS – Dr. Robertson stated that he was pleased to see that fundamental problems are being addressed by staff and that staff changes have resulted in positive movement forward. Ms. Kirk stated that she was pleased with Mr. Blount's work as principal and the progress made in a short period by him and Assistant Principal Stacey Taggart. Board members then discussed the improvements required to improve the school's letter grade in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6, 2017, at noon in the school library.

Michelle Morley motions to adjourn the meeting at 12:36pm
Chantal Segurola Seconds
Motion Unanimously Approved