



East Point Academy
East Point Academy Public Charter School
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
January 26, 2016

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Ed Davis, Mr. Thomas Queen, Dr. Chen Li, Mr. Paul Townes, Mrs. Beth Richardson, Mrs. Joan Hoffman, Dr. Mieke Perez, Dr. Kevin Lu and Dr. Lili Ju

Others in Attendance:

Dr. Winnie Johnson, Mr. Reed, Mrs. Stacey Paris, Mr. John Li, Mrs. Stephanie Watson, Mr. John Li, Mrs. Ginny Kirk (Thompson Turner) & Mr. Tyler Turner (Childs & Halligan, P.A.)

1.0 Call to Order General Session

- Ed Davis called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm

2.0 Mission Statement

- Dr. Davis read the mission statement of East Point Academy

3.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda

- The consent agenda was approved by the board for the following items.
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Public Notification
 - Approval of Minutes – 12-15-2016
 - Financial Report – December 2016 (Mr. Townes motioned to remove from Consent Agenda second by Mrs. Hoffman)
 - Director's Update
 - Enrollment Report
 - Upcoming Events

4.0 Public Input

- None

5.0 Bragging from the Board

- Staff Member of the Month – Pam Gladden
 - It gives me great pleasure to select Ms. Pam as our Staff Member of the Month. Ms. Pam is such a hard-working member of our maintenance team! She can always be seen completing her job in an exemplary manner and takes pride in the work that she does. She is punctual and is able to work independently without ongoing oversight. Whenever Ms. Pam sees a job that needs to be done, she immediately takes the initiative to get it done with little guidance. She is a team player and is always willing

to lend a hand to assist with tasks that fall into the "other duties as assigned" category...). She is loyal to East Point Academy and consistently demonstrates her commitment to our school during her daily interactions with parents, staff, and this administration. She maintains a professional demeanor and is always appropriate in her interactions with our stakeholders. We appreciate Ms. Pam and want her to know that she is a well respected and valued member of our EPA Family

- Faculty member of the Month for December – Stephanie Watson
 - I am proud to select Ms. Watson as our Faculty member of the month. Ms. Watson is a very dedicated, loyal, and creative teacher. She consistently goes above and beyond to ensure that students are receiving the highest quality lessons that address the learning needs of the Whole Child. She ensures that our students are being prepared for academic success (as stated in our mission statement), but she also ensures that they receive instruction, guidance, and intervention as their budding social skills are being developed. Ms. Watson is able effectively individualize her instruction to meet each child's specific needs. It is evident upon walking in her room that hours and hours of planning time has gone into her instructional lesson plans. She is able to introduce the necessary foundational skills for her students and scaffold them in a manner that allows students to build upon prior learning. She teaches the standards and always sets high expectations. If you have never had an opportunity to visit her classroom, you should take a trip to EPA's version of Disney Land! The environment is inviting and always promotes the work that students have done in class. She believes in each child assigned to her and does her very best to encourage them to meet the high bar that she has set, while recognizing and praising when connections are made. We applaud Ms. Watson for her hard work and dedication to the students of EPA.

6.0 Bonding

- Dr. Johnson related information that East Point Academy is already bonded with current insurance. There is no other avenues the school or the board needs to explore.

7.0 Payment to Architect

- Recommended to move this subject to the Board Executive slot.
- Motioned by Chair and seconded by Mrs. Hoffman.

8.0 Financial Report

- Board discussed and received better clarification of several line items and budgeting by Dr. Johnson and Mr. Townes.
- Motioned by Chair to accept 12/2016 Financial Report and seconded by Mr. Townes.

9.0 Board Election Timeline

- The Board is announcing the next board nominations will be accepted between March 1-15, 2017. The election period will be May 9 & 10, 2017 to fill seats coming available July 2017 through 2019.

10.0 Construction Timeline

- Recommended to move this subject to the Board Executive slot.
- Motioned by Mrs. Hoffman and seconded by Dr. Perez.

11.0 Executive Session

- The Chair motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss the following at 6:37 pm and seconded by Mr. Queen.
 - Personnel Report
 - Update of Building Project with Legal
 - Update on Portable Construction Contract
 - Thompson Turner GMP Proposal & Timeline
 - CSDC's Property Loan Proposal
 - Payment to Architect
- The Chair moved to come out Executive Session at 9:15 pm.

15.0 Report from Executive Session

- The Chair motioned to accept the personnel report presented by Dr. Johnson and was Approve by the Board.
- The Chair motioned to approve the proposed Thompson Turner Guaranteed Maximum Proposal (GMP) up to \$20,086,860.00, subject to Dr. Davis and Mr. Townes review and approval of the overall project budget including the GMP, and to authorize Dr. Davis, to execute the GMP agreement. Seconded by Mrs. Richardson and approved by the Board.
- The Chair motioned to approve the proposed terms of the \$1,500,000 loan plus additional fees with CSDC and authorize Dr. Winnie Johnson to execute documents associated with the loan on behalf of the school. Seconded by Mr. Queen and approved by the Board.

16.0 Next Meeting

- Our next regular meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2017 at 6:00 PM at the EPA Elementary School.

17.0 Adjournment

- Dr. Davis called for a motion to adjourn at 9:19 pm. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.