



East Point Academy Public Charter School  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
April 18, 2019

**Board Members in Attendance:** Mrs. Joan Hoffman, Mrs. Lora Prill, Dr. Mieke Perez, Mr. Jimmie Chao, Mr. Alan Buck, Mrs. Lisa Cole, Mrs. Vanessa Mota, Dr. Kevin Lu

**Others in Attendance:** Mr. Mark Bounds, Ms. Dwede Dennis, Ms. Toneka Green, Mrs. Ashley Cohoon, Mrs. Pamela Leonard, Mrs. Amy Roper

### **1.0 Public Notification**

Meeting notices and agendas were posted at the front office of the EPA Elementary School, EPA website, and communication site, Bloomz.

### **2.0 Call to Order General Session**

Mrs. Joan Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

#### **Consent Agenda**

The board unanimously approved the consent agenda as submitted.

#### **Executive Session**

There was no action reported from Executive Session.

### **3.0 Public Input**

There was no public input.

#### **Strategic Plan**

Mr. Buck reviewed the proposed 2019-20 school budget. Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve the budget. The Board unanimously approved the 2019-20 budget.

Mr. Bounds discussed EPA's 10-year charter renewal through the South Carolina Public Charter School District. He presented a table of contents for the charter renewal, which will guide the drafting of the document.

Mr. Bounds introduced Dr. Green to present the ADEPT Matrix and Performance Dimensions as an effective tool for evaluating and supporting teachers in the classroom.

### **Head of School Report**

Mr. Bounds gave updates on the following:

- Panda Warrior (raised over \$30,000)
- Letter to parents about disciplinary policies when students become physically aggressive (this letter was in response to tragic circumstances in other schools around the state)
- Best Charter School nomination with Free Times
- TV Commercial (partner with WIS)
- Step-UP (5<sup>th</sup> graders shadowing a 6<sup>th</sup> grader)
- Middle School Orientation

Mr. Bounds reported that there is an increase in the number of students being retained for the 2018-19 school year due to the academic rigor that EPA offers. The board questioned why a larger portion of 5<sup>th</sup> graders were being retained. Mr. Bounds stated that the leadership team continuously works to identify struggling students and to help those students increase scores and reach required levels of achievement.

Mr. Bounds reported a current enrollment of 620 students. Enrollment numbers for 2019-2020 indicate a projection of 720 students.

Mr. Bounds reviewed the dashboard report with the board and highlighted the general operating finance section. Mrs. Hoffman also encouraged board members to attend all board meetings and contribute to the school with a financial gift.

The Board reviewed the policies STU 113-137 and INST 128. Mrs. Cole questioned policy STU 122, Student Fundraising Activities, which references the school will keep fundraising campaigns to a minimum, as well as information outlined in STU 137, Student Fees, Fines and Charges. Mrs. Prill questioned early or irregular dismissal procedures outlined in STU 136, Student Dismissal and Precaution. Mr. Bounds requested time to amend the policies and discuss at the next board meeting. Mrs. Hoffman made a motion to approve the policies STU-113-137 with the exception of STU 122, 136, and 137. The board unanimously voted to approve the policies.

### **Next Meeting**

East Point Academy's Board of Directors next regularly scheduled meeting is on May 23, 2019.

### **Adjournment**

Mrs. Joan Hoffman called for a motion to adjourn at 9:01p.m.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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