



East Point Academy Public Charter School
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2018

Board Members in Attendance: Mrs. Joan Hoffman, Mrs. Lora Prill, Mrs. Lisa Cole, Mr. Tom Queen, Dr. Kevin Lu & Mr. Alan Buck

Others in Attendance: Mr. Mark Bounds, Ms. Kerri Danner, Mrs. Tori Miller, Mrs. Ashley Sturkie, Mrs. Pam Leonard, Ms. Toneka Green, Mr. Dave Reed, Ms. Dwede Dennis, and Mr. Tyler Turner (EPA's Attorney)

1.0 Public Notification

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

2.0 Call to Order General Session

Mrs. Joan Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:04p.m.

3.0 Approval of the Agenda

The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

4.0 Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was approved.

5.0 Executive Session

The Board presented and approved the Head of School Evaluation for the 2017-2018 school year.

6.0 Public Input

There was no public input.

7.0 Strategic Plan

Colleen Page from McKay Kiddy gave a positive financial report and budget for the school. Financial statements were approved.

Members approved the 2018-2019 board meeting calendar and agreed that board meetings should move between schools for the following school year, however, another location will be identified for June and July meetings given construction at both sites.

Mrs. Hoffman presented the opportunity to consult with Ann Sinclair for strategic planning. The Board felt given construction and other transition activities new strategic planning should be delayed a year. Members are interested in inviting Ms. Sinclair back to facilitate the board retreat, assist the board with identifying its action steps for 2018-2019 and some early preparations (focus groups and SWOT analysis) mid-year for the strategic plan work in 2019-2020. Mrs. Hoffman will request a proposal from Ms. Sinclair. The Board looks forward to - updating its strategic goals and negotiating a plan of action.

The retirement plan and vesting schedule has been placed on hold for consideration until further information is secured from Horace Mann.

Mr. Alan Buck proposed a board appreciation initiative. Board members appreciated her recommendation and she will work with Mr. Buck and Mr. Bounds to identify well-deserving volunteers who will receive a handwritten note of appreciation from the board. The cards will be written by Mrs. Cole, approved by Mr. Bounds and signed by all board members.

8.0 Head of School Report

Mr. Spencer Faw provided an update on the elementary school's progress and renovations for the Leaphart Campus. Building construction is on schedule. Renovations begin on June 11 on the Leaphart Campus. Final construction should be ready for the Office of School Facilities' review by August 1st.

East Point Academy employees expressed appreciation for their significant salary increases to Mr. Bounds. 654 students are registered for the 2018-19 school year. Over the next several months an emphasis will be placed on recruitment for the middle school.

Dr. Green submitted a proposal from Clemson University's STEM program to the board for ongoing professional development for East Point Academy teachers.

Three instructional and three personnel policies were presented and approved.

Mr. Bounds provided a personnel overview noting that there have been new hires for middle school social studies and science. Interviews are planned for an assistant principal, chief business officer and reading coach.

9.0 Generative Discussion: How do we take our middle school to the next level? What extracurricular activities are out there?

- Smooth transition of 8th graders to high school
- An Individual Graduation Plan is set in place beginning in the 6th grade

- Advanced classes offered in other courses (ex. social studies and science) within the Honors program
- Technology and infrastructure that are relevant to middle school students such as pre-engineering and coding
- Future hands-on curriculum using technology
- Updated resources in library for advanced middle school readers
- Renew or replace SIG grant so programs currently funded continue
- Offer after care STEM opportunities (e.g. Odyssey of the Mind); consider partnership with USC (Chen Li and/or IT-ology)
- Consider different sports activities (soccer/volleyball)

10.0 Next Meeting

East Point Academy's Board of Directors next regularly scheduled meeting is on June 28, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

11.0 Adjournment

Mrs. Joan Hoffman called for a motion to adjourn at 8:04p.m.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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