



East Point Academy Public Charter School  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
October 25, 2018

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

**Others in Attendance:** Mr. Mark Bounds, Mrs. Tori Miller, Mrs. Ashley Sturkie, Mr. Dave Reed, Ms. Dwede Dennis, Ms. Toneka Green, Mr. Andrew Hart, Mrs. Pamela Leonard, & 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 website, and communication site, Bloomz.

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

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

### **Approval of the Agenda**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

### **3.0 Consent Agenda**

The Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

### **Executive Session**

Mrs. Hoffman reported that the Board accepted the recommendation of the Search Committee (Dr. Kevin Lu, Mr. Alan Buck and Mrs. Lora Prill) to appoint Alice O'Connor to its vacant seat. The appointment was unanimously approved.

### **4.0 Public Input**

One parent provided public input to express concern about the school having a rental agreement with any church. East Point currently has an existing agreement with City Church, who uses space at the elementary school on Sundays.

### **Strategic Plan**

Staff from both the Charter Institute at Erskine and the South Carolina Public Charter School District presented to the Board in consideration of East Point's upcoming 10-year charter

renewal. Immediately following the presentations, the Board had opportunity to question each organization.

Colleen Daniel from McCay Kiddy was present via conference call to review the quarterly report with the Board. Mr. Hart and Mr. Bounds informed the board that funds had been placed in two interest bearing money market accounts, in anticipation of future mortgage payments. The board unanimously voted to the approve September's financial statements.

Mr. Bounds presented several policies for consideration: BM 111 and 112 (Tutoring and Private Lessons), and Personnel Policies 124-129. Mr. Bounds explained the new tutoring policy and fees were created to provide more structure and oversight for the tutoring program. The Board will take up the policies for vote at the next Board meeting, November 15.

### **Head of School Report**

Mr. Bounds gave updates on the following:

- Student nutrition
- Staff transitions
- Digital signs
- Medicaid program reimbursement
- Playground
- Distinguished visitors
- Horizons Experience
- Niche Rating A-East Point is now in the top 7% Elementary schools in the country.
- Strategic partnerships
- Extracurricular club

Spencer Faw provided a facilities update to the board. Mr. Faw said they were continuing work on punch list items at both schools and that some work may take place over Christmas break. Mrs. Hoffman asked when the list of items would be complete, and Mr. Faw suggested a tentative completion date of January 2019.

Mr. Bounds reported an enrollment of 647 students. Mr. Bounds informed the Board that a group of students had formed a student-led group, a Fellowship Christian Association. Tyler Turner advised the Board this was allowable by law.

Mr. Bounds asked the Board's permission to petition the SC Public Charter School District for forgiveness for two school days that were missed during Hurricanes Florence and Michael, to avoid adding two days to the end of the school year. The board unanimously approved.

### **5.0 Generative Discussion: How do we prioritize use of construction/renovation loan balance?**

- Use of space and repairs (i.e. Hill building, portables)
- Revenue (i.e. student size)

- Possibility of demolition of portables
- Speaker/PA system use and functionality
- Middle Campus playground accessibility
- Use of outdoor space

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

East Point Academy's Board of Directors next regularly scheduled meeting is on November 15, 2018.

## **Adjournment**

Mrs. Joan Hoffman called for a motion to adjourn at 9:11p.m.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

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