



“To provide every child a classical and academically rigorous education while instilling a commitment to civic virtue and moral character”

***Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Savannah Classical Academy, Inc.  
April 12, 2018***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 pm, Thursday, April 12, 2018, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Falen Cox  
Roger Moss  
Terri O’Neil  
Paul Sidney  
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent with notice:

Scott McGhie  
Ryan Dew  
Coren Ross

It was determined there was a quorum as required by the bylaws for transaction of business.

Ms. Cox, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:39 pm.

Mr. Moss moved to accept the consent Agenda and Minutes from the March 22, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board, Mr. Sidney seconded; all board members present agreed.

Mr. Payne distributed and presented the Director's report. Highlights included:

- a) An update sent out to the Board regarding success of testing. The Academic Accountability Committee, Mr. Moss, and Mrs. O'Neil were thanked for providing breakfast for students during testing. Mr. Lollis was thanked for getting the students, teachers, and materials prepared for testing.
- b) An updated budget is needed by April 27<sup>th</sup> for the Charter Compliance Committee.
- c) Mr. Lollis presented the DCI Report.
- d) The school will receive an increase in Title I funding of approximately \$45,000 for next year.
- e) The District Promotion Guidelines were shared and reviewed.
- f) A current Pass/Fail chart was distributed and broken down along with SCA's Promotion Guidelines. Ms. Cox voiced concern about the number of students failing. Mr. Lollis expressed optimism in the plan for refocusing, regrouping, and retesting. He noted that this concern is being addressed with the appropriate teachers and interventions for failing students are in place.

Mr. Payne gave an update regarding Charter Amendment matters. He noted many items needed are already in place, and the efforts should be focus on the narrative. Mr. Payne confirmed that the District and State received the Intent to Renew documents submitted from Ms. Cox. Ms. Cox added she had received acknowledgment of receipt of the school's response regarding the declined 15% increase in enrollment notice. Ms. Cox recommended the Committee meet more frequently after testing to ensure targets are meet.

With regards to the Corrective Action Plan, Ms. Cox addressed the uncertainty surrounding adding an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade in the Amendment Extension and the discussion ensued regarding a plan to move forward. Mr. Lollis suggested asking the public school board to provide clarity. Ms. Cox agreed that the Board should submit an inquiry to the Local Board. Mr. Payne concurred, adding that test scores and internal reviews should be included. Ms. Cox asked Mr. Payne and Mr. Lollis to follow up with the request. Ms. Cox suggested an additional meeting be held with Mrs. Ross and Mr. Moss before the next Regular Meeting of the Board to discuss funding. Ms. O'Neil reminded the Board of the compiled Top Tier donor list.

Mr. Sidney had nothing to report for the Academic Accountability Committee as they are waiting on scores for further action.

Mrs. Ross was unavailable to provide an update on Development Committee matters.

Mr. Moss reported no new matters on behalf of the Community Relations Committee.

Mr. McGhie was unavailable to provide an update on Finance Committee matters. Ms. Cox noted that the Budget status is dependent upon testing results.

Mr. Dew was unavailable to report on Governance Committee matters.

Ms. Cox noted the Policy and Procedure chair vacancy still pending.

Mr. Moss moved to alter the agenda to address Unfinished Business, New Business, and Public Comment prior to going into Closed Session. Mrs. O'Neil seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Under Unfinished Business, Mr. Payne recommended to the Board that SCA offer a Voluntary Accidental Insurance Policy to students and parents beginning with the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. O'Neil moved to make the Voluntary Accidental Insurance Policy available. Mr. Moss seconded; all Board members present agreed. Mr. Payne noted the need for a HVAC maintenance contract and suggested the Board approve the Treasurer's recommendation to contract for filter changes only and not preventative maintenance. Mr. Sidney moved to approve a contract with the HVAC provider for filter change maintenance. Mrs. O'Neil seconded; all Board members present agreed. Mr. Payne had nothing to report regarding student transportation for the 2019-2020 school year.

There was nothing to report under New Business.

Coach Eric Parker was in attendance and introduced himself as SCA's Athletic Director during Public Comment. Coach Parker presented a proposal to the Board for funding a successful Athletic Department at SCA. Items in the proposal were reviewed and discussed as well as options and opportunities that would be community beneficial. Mr. Moss and Ms. O'Neil expressed support for the endeavor and were optimistic about raising funding. Mr. Moss inquired as to liability. The Board thanked Coach Parker for putting the proposal together and presenting it to the Board.

Mr. Moss moved to go into closed session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b) (2) at 6:36 pm to discuss Disciplinary Action Committee matter. Ms. O'Neil seconded; all Board members present agreed.

\*\*\*\*\*All reports discussed in the minutes are kept on file and are available for review.\*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Moss moved to leave closed session and resume open session at 7:10 pm. Ms. O'Neil seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Mr. Moss moved to reverse the decision of the Disciplinary Action Committee to allow the student to return to school based on the parent's appeal. Mr. Sidney seconded; all Board members present agreed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:25 pm by Mr. Moss, Ms. O'Neil seconded; all Board members present agreed. A regular meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2018 at 5:30 pm at Savannah Classical Academy, 704 East Anderson Street.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary