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***Special Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Savannah Classical Academy, Inc.  
May 31, 2018***

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 pm, Thursday, May 31, 2018, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Falen Cox  
Scott McGhie  
Roger Moss  
Coren Ross  
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent with notice:

Ryan Dew  
Terri O’Neil  
Paul Sidney

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 5:34 pm.

Ms. Cox recounted a productive meeting by the Charter Renewal/Compliance Committee. Minutes were provided and posted.

Mr. McGhie provided a summary sheet for the Board to review on behalf of the Finance Committee. He advised that a five-year budget is required for submission as a part of the renewal. Items within the proposed budget include: the strings program, Title I funding, unrestricted fundraising, special purpose fund raising line items, and High School funding. Mr. McGhie explained the budget is built on assumptions regarding personnel and enrollment.

Ms. Cox stated the Charter Renewal Committee met and completed all narrative portions. The Committee expressed its recommendation to continue the upper school. Ms. Cox noted that all Board members have been provided access to the electronic copies of the renewal proposal. She identified minimum changes, which include realignments, innovations, and testing. Ms. Cox addressed the need to determine assessments regarding base goals and commitments regarding testing. This was discussed in detail. Ms. Cox recommended to accept the following SMART Goals: qualify as a Beating the Odds School, exceed the District CCRPI within three grade bands (Elementary, Middle, and High School), and achieve an acceptable score on local Charter

evaluations. Mr. Moss moved to accept the SMART Goals as presented. Mrs. Ross seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Mrs. Ross moved to accept the recommendation of the Charter Renewal and Compliance Committee to offer K-11 grade levels during the Savannah Classical Academy's upcoming year within the Charter Renewal. Mr. McGhie seconded, all Board members present agreed.

Mr. Moss moved to adopt the budget, as presented by Mr. McGhie, for fiscal year 2019. Mrs. Ross seconded, all Board members present agreed.

Ms. Cox, on behalf of Mr. Dew, stated that a board training plan has been submitted. Mr. McGhie moved to accept the Training Plan, submitted by the Board Secretary, as a part of the Charter Renewal Petition. Mrs. Ross seconded, all Board members present agreed.

Ms. Cox requested further input on the Charter Renewal Petition from the Board. Ms. Cox then read the Resolution for Renewal. Ms. Cox recommended adoption of the Resolution and submission of the Charter Renewal Petition to the appropriate authorities, with the permission to resolve any immaterial grammatical or language errors discovered prior to submission. Mrs. Ross moved to adopt the Resolution and to submit the Charter Renewal Petition. Mr. McGhie seconded, all Board members present agreed. Ms. Cox announced the official adoption of the Resolution.

Ms. Cox, on behalf of the Board, acknowledged and accepted the official resignation of Mr. Benjamin Payne as School Director and wished him the best in his future endeavors. Ms. Cox explained Mr. Payne will continue to serve as Director until the effective date of his resignation. At that time, Mr. Lollis will immediately take over as Interim Director. By reference to the bylaws, Ms. Cox indicated a need for the Board to form a Director Search Committee. Ms. Cox asked the Board for suggestions or nominations. Mr. McGhie moved to appoint Mr. Barry Lollis as the Interim School Director to take effect on the day following Mr. Payne's last day as SCA's Director. Mrs. Ross seconded; all Board members present agreed. Mr. Moss recommended having someone from the staff, business, and parent community represented on the Search Committee. Mrs. Ross suggested the Committee have five members, two of those being Board members. The composition of the Committee was further discussed. Mr. Moss moved that the Director Search Committee include five members: two Faculty representatives recommended by Mr. Payne – Mrs. Nancy Singleton and Mrs. Roshanda Lingenfelter, two Board members – Mr. Ryan Dew and Mr. Scott McGhie, and one parent to be recommended by Mr. Lollis. Mrs. Ross seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Ms. Cox and Mr. Moss announced that there will be two forums held by the Board. A Parent Forum will be held at SCA on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Ms. Cox agreed to send out the notification this evening. A Teacher/Staff Forum will be held on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm at a location to be determined. Mr. McGhie stated that he would confirm the dates.

Mr. Moss moved to reorder the Agenda, moving Public Comment prior to Closed Session. Ms. Cox seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Nancy Singleton, a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Savannah Classical, was in attendance and inquired as to the school's enrollment cap and when further updates could be expected. Ms. Cox replied the Board has twice requested for a reprieve, most recently on March 20<sup>th</sup> the response to which was a denial with a request for additional information. Ms. Cox explained the responses have stated that the cap is tied to the school's probation. The Board is awaiting the official release of the GMAS scores along with additional information requested for re-submission. Mrs. Singleton then noted the Charter states there may not be more than twenty-five students in a class. She is concerned that if the school does not have the number of students to fill two

classrooms, they may be consolidated into a single class in excess of the limit. Mr. McGhie confirmed that there was no plan to exceed more than twenty-five students per classroom.

Eric Parker, a High School Teacher and Athletics Coach at Savannah Classical, was in attendance and brought up the condition of the gym. He stated that it has been deemed unsafe for play, which puts the school in a position to have to bus to every game. Mr. Parker explained this also means the school would not earn revenue from home games. He requested the Board consider coaching qualifications when reviewing personnel. Mr. McGhie stated that he would like to meet to discuss the gym matter further so he could bring the information to the Development Committee.

The Board then thanked all the guests in attendance for their time.

Mr. Moss moved to go into closed session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b) (2) at 6:46 pm to discuss personnel matters. Mrs. Ross seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Mr. McGhie moved to leave closed session and resume open session at 6:58 pm. Mr. Moss seconded; all Board members present agreed.

Mr. McGhie moved to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2018 regular meeting. Mrs. Ross seconded; all Board members present agreed.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:00 pm by Mrs. Ross, Mr. Moss seconded; all Board members present agreed. A regular meeting is scheduled for June 14, 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