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*Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors
Savannah Classical Academy, Inc.
May 25, 2017*

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, May 25, 2017, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Ormonde Lewis
Terri O'Neil
Martha Nesbit
Scott McGhie
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent, with notice:

Falen Cox
Dr. Jacobium Holliman
Dr. Gwen Miller-Smith
Dr. Donna Isaac
Andy Blair

It was determined that a quorum for the transaction of business was not in attendance.

Ormonde Lewis, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Approval of the agenda and minutes from the previous May 18th meeting was not moved upon for a vote due to an unavailable quorum.

Although a quorum was not in attendance for the normal transaction of business, discussions regarding items on the agenda were held and noted. Ormonde Lewis and Scott McGhie stated that they both interviewed the two potential Board nominees and were going to recommend them to join the SCA Board of Directors; however, due to a lack of quorum present, a vote to on board was unable to take place. Discussions of an e-mail vote was held, but it was decided that without confirmation from Falen Cox as to the legality of an e-mail vote, it would be best not to pursue that route at this time. Ormonde Lewis suggested calling an emergency meeting in the near future to vote on the nominees. He also suggested that we could invite them to join on as a part of a committee to help with work loads prior to officially bringing them on board.

An impromptu meeting was held with Dr. Good, via video conference, prior to calling to order of the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of SCA. The meeting was held to review the current Charter Renewal documents. Updates were provided on items that are still needed for completion.

Ormonde Lewis discussed the need to vote upon new Board members in order for elections of Officers to take place prior to the last meeting in June. This is so those elected to Office are able to take their positions starting in July. Scott McGhie asked if Board members could hold more than one Office? Ormonde Lewis said that he did not believe there is anything in the by-laws against holding dual positions; however, due to what is required from and demanded of Officers, it may not be ideal to hold two positions. Scott McGhie asked about the max allotment of SCA Board membership? Ormonde Lewis confirmed that there are a total of thirteen positions allotted for the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy. Terri O'Neil raised concern about the need to on board members and elect officials sooner than later as they need to be included in the roster on campaign materials. She did agree

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that if a July 1st deadline was held to for elected Officers to take their positions, they will be in good shape to have that information included in the campaign materials.

Martha Nesbit requested for an update on the financials even though a quorum is not available to put anything to vote. Estela Anderson distributed copies of the SCA 2016-2017 budget. Scott McGhie reviewed the document, pointing out that there is a projected total profit/lose for FY16-17 that includes a \$480,000 deficit. He then stated that of the \$480,000, \$160,000 has been received, leaving an expected deficit of \$320,000; however, he received a commitment to cover this \$320,000 deficit from the Hodge and Calder Grant. Mr. McGhie acknowledged that he does anticipates another deficit for this upcoming year. He stated that the benefactors are willing to help, but they do want to see progress on our end. Martha Nesbit asked about expectations of other Charter Schools? She did state that to her knowledge and experiences, expected fund raising efforts are typically around \$100,000. She said that amount would be do-able, but as a part of a true partnership there needs to be efforts made to cut costs elsewhere as well and not a sole reliance on fund raising. Martha Nesbit then asked for clarification and an update on the proposed faculty and staffing positions for the 2017-2018 school year. Scott McGhie confirmed that he is working to get leverage in the budget.

Terri O'Neil offered that there are three current campaigns in place and ready to go, but updated tools are needed as well as the Board's support to move forward. These include a Spartan Challenge campaign for \$150,000, a Capital campaign for a \$1.5 million goal, and a campaign for building equity with foundation Board members. Terri O'Neil said that if they could move forward with the Spartan Challenge, that would show an effort on our part. She did say that a missing piece to help manage these campaigns is a part-time staff person to assist with the efforts. She suggested maybe the Business Manager's replacement could help take on that role if they are able to hire someone with campaign management experience. Martha Nesbit asked Estela Anderson, SCA's current Business Manager, if there would be time, given her daily schedule and workload, to contribute to assisting with campaign management? Mrs. Anderson said that managing payroll in house really takes up a great deal of her time and there may not be room to take on major campaign responsibilities. Scott McGhie asked if he could help be a volunteer, and how many hours would be needed to help? Terri O'Neil said she was looking for someone who could help contribute about five hours a week. Ormonde Lewis stated that this discussion is very important and would like to have all Board members present to contribute to the discussion. He requested this topic be included in the next Board meeting.

Ormonde Lewis offered that he has completed LKES (Leader Keys Effectiveness System) training and acknowledged that the Board is behind on evaluations. He said that the Board will be going into the final evaluation and they will be okay with the Board only having one evaluation. Mr. Lewis said that as a priority for July, the Board should appoint someone to take on a LKES evaluator role.

Prior to adjourning, Benjamin Payne requested to change the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors from June 8th to June 5th in order for the Board to review the final Charter Renewal documents prior to the June 7th deadline. Mr. Payne also requested to have representation from the Board at the Charter Renewal meeting on the 7th. Notice will be sent out regarding the change of meeting date.

Ormonde Lewis adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m. A regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 704 East Anderson Street.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Falen O. Cox, Vice-Chair