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***Minutes of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Savannah Classical Academy, Inc.  
September 14, 2017***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 14, 2017, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Falen Cox  
Dr. Jacobium Holliman (telephonically)  
Scott McGhie  
Ryan Dew  
Dr. Donna Isaac  
Coren Ross  
Roger Moss  
Don Waters  
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent with notice:

Terri O'Neil  
Dr. Gwen Miller-Smith

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 p.m.

Ms. Cox acknowledged the suggested updates to the minutes, sent in by Mr. Dew, to correct the roster of the Board members present at the August 31, 2017, meeting. Ms. Cox provided a corrected copy of the minutes to the Board. Mrs. Ross moved to accept the consent agenda with these updates, Mr. Dew seconded; all board members present agreed.

Ms. Cox proposed to modify the agenda, postponing the Director's Report to allow the Board to review a personnel matter in closed session first. Mr. Payne distributed copies of the DCI Consultants' report for discussion. Mr. Payne reviewed the suggestions and comments made by Ed Chang and the consulting team. Ms. Cox asked about measurements and Unify. Mr. Payne said that the school does not yet have full access to Unify. Go Far can be used to help with standards and assessments. Mr. Waters asked whether the DCI Consultants will be engaged until a full time DCI is hired, and if so, if they would be able to present their findings to the Board. Ms. Cox confirmed the consultants would continue their engagement until the DCI's hire and that a request will be made for a presentation to the Board. Mr. Waters asked whether the Consultants would be transferring their knowledge to the full time DCI. Ms. Cox confirmed that the plan is to have the Consultants work with the DCI and get them up to speed.

Mr. Dew moved to go into closed session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b) (2) at 6:09 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Mrs. Ross seconded; all board members present agreed. At 7:10 p.m. Mr. Waters moved to return to open session, Mrs. Ross seconded; all board members present agreed. Mr. McGhie moved to allow Ms. Cox to see item one discussed in closed session conclusion as it relates to DCI employment. Mr. Moss seconded; all board members present agreed.

Discussion returned to the Director's report. A proposal was made to have the report submitted a week prior to the regular meeting so Board members have time to review and ask questions prior to the meeting. This was proposed to ensure proper time is dedicated to those items that need action. Mr. Payne confirmed that he would have a summary report submitted a week prior for review.

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

Ms. Cox reported on the Corrective Action Plan and stated that she would send out an update on deadlines. A discussion ensued regarding the Board of Education's response to the plan and the impact of the enrollment prohibition on the school.

Ms. Cox stated that she had a paper copy of the Annual Calendar and will send it out. Ms. Cox reported that money has been allocated for training through the Georgia Charter Association and that she would follow up to ensure the Board is getting the proper training needed. Ms. Cox acknowledged that there is still a need for three Board members to be certified in LKES. Ms. Cox noted that she will be working with Ryan Dew on a training plan for the Board as this is required as a part of the Corrective Action Plan.

A proposal was made to limit regular meetings of the Board to once a month. Ms. Cox explained she felt that at the current time there are too many matters the Board needs to review and take action upon to meet only once a month. She added that this could be discussed again and brought up for a motion in October.

Mr. Payne brought up a potential need for some fund raising efforts due to several families, and at least three faculty members, impacted from the storm with flooding.

Mrs. Ross reported the Development Committee has nearly completed a grant application for \$10,000 in support of math programs. She stated that she would follow up once it has been submitted.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:32 p.m. by Mr. Moss, Mr. Waters seconded; all board members present agreed. A regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 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 Ryan Dew, Secretary