



“To provide every child with 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.
January 20, 2021***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc., was conducted via Zoom Video Conference Due to COVID-19 Precautions at 5:00 pm, Wednesday, January 20, 2021, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Scott McGhie
Ryan Dew
Coren Ross
Falen Cox
Paul Sidney
Terri O'Neil
Elizabeth Berenguer
Barry Lollis, School Director

Absent with notice:

Jennifer Davenport

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

Mr. McGhie, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Minutes from the November 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. Ms. O'Neil moved to approve the Consent Agenda and Minutes as presented. Mr. Sidney seconded. Approved unanimously.

Ms. O'Neil presented the SCA Foundation report, starting with an update from the December joint meeting of the Savannah Classical Academy Board of Directors and SCA Foundation Board. Ms. O'Neil provided a donation update from the matching campaign, commenting that the campaign was off to a good start. She further noted that quarterly reports will be submitted to include both qualifying and non-qualifying match donations. Ms. O'Neil proposed the consolidation of the three scheduled Open House events into a single event on Thursday, January 28th. The Board agreed based upon the current RSVP's.

Mr. Lollis presented the Director's Report, highlights of which included:

- A review of current enrollment levels and a lottery update.
- An academic update and presentation comparing FY20 EOC scores versus FY21 scores.

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- A review of upcoming dates of importance: Midyear Diagnostics and Progress Reports distribution the week of February 1st.
- A summary of recent developments regarding ESPLOST; Charters were not included in the referendum up for vote in February.
- A GA DOE COVID Grant submission and CARES funds update. A recommendation for CARES allocations will be placed before the Board at the time the budget is due.
- Notice of USDA reimbursement submission.
- A discussion and overview of the Student Code of Conduct. Mr. McGhie requested further time for Board review, with approval to be sought at the next Regular Board Meeting.
- A review and recommendation of COVID-related employee leave. Mr. McGhie recommended keeping the current policy in place for the remainder of the year, reviewing at the end of January.
- A recommendation for renewal of the Public Relations and Website Maintenance Contract with Lesley Francis Public Relations. Mr. Lollis confirmed that the current Public Relations contract expires at the end of this month. His recommendation is to renew the contract for SY21-22. Mr. Dew requested a review of services provided.
- A review of current Employer Health Care contributions.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to adopt the new Public Relations and Website Maintenance Contract with Lesley Francis Public Relations. Ms. Falen moved to approve the motion. Mrs. Ross seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to increase the budget for Employer Health Insurance for the current fiscal year, up to \$190,000. Mrs. Ross moved to approve the motion. Mr. Dew second. Approved unanimously.

There was no Unfinished Business before the Board to discuss.

As New Business, Mr. McGhie opened the discussion of recent COVID-related events to the Board for review and feedback. Mr. Lollis stated seven cases had been reported since September, 2020, two of which were as of December 1st. Mr. Lollis reviewed the current procedure of notification in the event of a positive case. Mr. McGhie asked whether there is a direct line of communication to the Public Health Department available. Mr. Lollis confirmed that there is a contact assigned to SCA through the COVID task force and that SCA is required to submit a report every Friday to the Georgia Department of Health. Mr. McGhie asked whether there a threshold when contract tracing identifies too many individuals. Mr. Lollis acknowledged the possibility of a limit beyond which the school could no longer operate successfully and stated if that limit was reached, SCA would take steps to close. Mr. McGhie asked if whether the administration should consider alternate tactics upon returning from a break. Mr. Lollis acknowledged the potential of a delayed outbreak. He continued, explaining current protocols seem to be working and statistically the school seems to be fairing well. Mrs. Ross inquired as to supply needs. Mr. Lollis confirmed that supplies had just been reordered. Ms. Cox asked about safety procedures for dismissal. Mr. Lollis provided an update on dismissal procedures. Ms. Cox inquired as to the overall sense of staff commitment to safety and morale. Mr. Lollis acknowledged the high-level commitment of staff and measures taken to ensure safety. Mr. Sidney asked whether there is a requirement to report cases to the LEA. Mr. Lollis confirmed the only required reporting is to the Georgia Department of Health.

Continuing New Business, Mr. McGhie recounted the history of Savannah Classical Academy from its founding through its current eighth year in existence. This built the foundation for the Board's discussion of an upcoming Strategic Planning Initiative and planning for future charter renewal preparation. Mr. McGhie provided a timeline for the charter renewal submission with a kickoff effort to start in February.

Mr. McGhie introduced the last item under New Business, the Director's Contract, reminding the Board

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of the proposed Director's Contract sent for review in November for a three-year term.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to offer the Director's Contract to Mr. Lollis as presented in November. Mrs. Ross moved to approve the motion in accordance with the recommendation of the Chair. Mr. Dew seconded. Approved unanimously, without Mrs. O'Neil, who had a prior commitment and had to exit the meeting early.

Mrs. Ross moved to enter closed session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b) at 6:37 pm to discuss a personnel matter. Mr. Dew seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mrs. Ross moved to leave closed session and resume open session at 6:54 pm; Mr. Sidney seconded. Approved unanimously.

There was no Public Comment.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy adjourned at approximately 6:55 pm.

A regular meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021 at 5:30 pm at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary