



“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. September  
18, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc., was held at 4:30 pm, Monday, September 18, 2023, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Scott McGhie  
Ryan Dew  
Terri O'Neil  
Lenorris Williams  
Rick Roney  
Barry Lollis, School Director

Absent, with notice:

Jennifer Davenport  
Paul Sidney

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 4:33 pm.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and the Minutes from the August 8, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors. Ms. O'Neil moved to approve the motion. Mr. Roney seconded. Approved unanimously.

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

- An enrollment update.
- An academic update including: a presentation of the FY23 GMAS Student Achievement Results; discussion of current grading practices; plan to support students identified as below grade level; proposal of course restructuring in grades K-5 for a focus on Math, Reading, and, for grades 3-5, Science; new Spartan Hour courses including “Adulting 101” for High School and Cursive

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

Writing in grades K-5; a Professional Development update; progress towards codifying annual grade-level requirements; classical literature realignment; update regarding Varsity Tutors; and introduction of STEM programming in grades K-12 through coursework, clubs and activities.

- Overview of past and upcoming events, including the Academic Decathlon, Science Fair, Science Olympiad, Reading Bowl, and Spelling Bee.
- An operations update including a notice of upcoming safety training sessions and facility review with GEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, discussion of teacher recognition, and an update on GALEADS.
- A facility update including overviews of building security, exterior upgrades, beautification additions, and planning for renovation of the Upper School Student Center. Mr. Lollis requested a budget amendment to execute the upgrade to the exterior façade. Discussion ensued for possible donor opportunities in support of further exterior improvements.
- Mr. Roney inquired as to the current status of the House System. Mr. Lollis provided an update stating that the first House Assembly was held on September 1<sup>st</sup> followed by the onset of Virtue Ticket rewards, visits to the Virtue School Store, Academic House Challenges, Service Challenges, and Virtue of the Month Challenges.

Ms. O'Neil presented the SCA Foundation report, highlights include the notice of tour dates scheduled in October and a discussion of alternate funding opportunities.

Mr. McGhie, on behalf of the Finance Committee, distributed the Financial Reports for review and discussion. Mr. McGhie reviewed the new format for the Budget vs. Actual Income Statement, Prior-Year Comparison for FY23 Income Statement, and Prior-Year Comparison Balance Sheet Summary through June 2023, providing highlights. Discussion ensued including suggested formatting adjustments to next month's Financial Reports.

Mr. Dew presented on behalf of the Policy & Procedures Committee reviewing the Board's Conflict of Interest Policy.

Mr. McGhie, on behalf of the Academic Committee, inquired as to Board certification for GALEADS. Mr. Lollis stated that one additional Board member would be required to complete the evaluator certification. Mr. Dew volunteered to become certified.

Mr. Roney provided an update on the Literacy Coalition and upcoming event dates during Literacy Week under Old Business. The Board commended Mr. Roney for his passion and efforts towards this mission.

Under New Business Mr. Lollis requested an increase in the exterior renovation budget allocation for the lower school from \$10,000 to \$30,000 and for the addition of three Elementary Teacher Assistant positions.

Mr. Dew moved to increase the lower school exterior renovation allocations from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Mr. Roney seconded. Approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the request for the addition of three Elementary Teacher Assistant positions. Mr. McGhie offered to review the financial impact and to add the request to October's Agenda.

Mr. Roney moved to enter Executive Session at 6:15 pm to discuss legal matters, personnel matters, and student matters. Ms. O'Neil seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mr. Roney moved to leave Executive Session and resume open session at 6:32 pm; Ms. O'Neil seconded. Approved unanimously.

There was no Public Comment.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy adjourned at 6:32 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 4:30 pm on October 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary

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