



“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.
October 10, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc., was held at 4:30 pm, Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Scott McGhie
Ryan Dew
Paul Sidney
Jennifer Davenport
Lenorris Williams
Rick Roney
Barry Lollis, School Director

Absent, with notice:

Terri O'Neil

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 4:45 pm.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to amend the Agenda, adding an item, “Additional Teacher Support Positions,” under Old Business and to approve the Minutes from the September 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors as amended. Mr. Williams 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: discussion of instructional changes in lower elementary; completion of Benchmark assessments; submission of REACH scholar application; update on the release of academic rankings from the GADOE; current progress on GALEADS implementation with an on-campus visit from the GALEADS team following the October break; and a Spartan Hour update.

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

- Overview of upcoming events including: Progress Report distribution on Friday, October 13th; attendance at the High School Recruiting Fair on October 19th; campus closure for Fall Break from October 16th through October 20th; REACH Scholar ceremony on November 2nd; and tours scheduled for potential donors on October 25th and 26th.
- An operational update including: introduction of the new Dean of Lower School, Tara Cheeks; completion of safety training sessions; GEMA recommendations to consider in allocating Safety Grant funds; estimate of projected earnings from October FTE count; progress of the annual school and school nutrition program audit; notice of Benefits Open Enrollment on October 16th through November 3rd; visitation of GADOE School Nutrition Program staff on October 24th; and deadline notification of the Annual report due to GADOE on November 2nd.
- A facility update including the status of building renovations, schedule for new HVAC unit installation, discussion of current and potential options for on-campus security, and completion of the annual fire, sprinkler, and safety inspections.
- Review of the Georgia Match program.
- Mr. McGhie inquired about the usage of Varsity Tutors resources. Mr. Lollis provided an update and stated that he would reach out for a current utilization report.

Mr. McGhie explained that due to the ongoing audit, there would be no Committee reports this meeting and informed the Board that the Auditors will be invited to present at the Board's next meeting.

Mr. Roney provided an update on the Literacy Coalition and Literacy Week as Old Business.

Mr. McGhie introduced the "Additional Teacher Support Positions" item under Old Business, summarizing the discussion that took place during the September Regular Meeting of the Board, including a request to add two positions and adjustments to account for a recently-approved increase to pay scales by the state that were not considered in the annual budget. Mr. McGhie stated the adjustments would increase the annual wages expense by \$175,354.

Mr. McGhie called for a motion to increase the approved annual wages budget by \$175,354 to include two additional Teacher Assistant positions and to account for the increase in pay scale recently set forth by the state. Mr. Roney moved to approve the motion as presented. Mr. Dew seconded. Approved unanimously.

Mr. McGhie reviewed a draft agenda for the upcoming Board Planning Meeting and discussion ensued. Mr. McGhie stated he and Ms. O'Neil would send out a survey to finalize the date. Mr. McGhie next inquired as to recommendations for Board management software solutions. A discussion took place regarding various options.

Mr. Williams moved to enter Executive Session at 5:40 pm to discuss legal matters, personnel matters, and student matters. Mrs. Davenport seconded. Approved unanimously.

Ms. Davenport moved to leave Executive Session and resume open session at 6:06 pm; Mr. Sidney seconded. Approved unanimously.

A brief discussion ensued regarding future diploma types which could be offered by the School. Mr. Lollis explained various concepts.

There was no Public Comment.

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy adjourned at 6:12 pm.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for 4:30 pm on November 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary