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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016

Dr. Thomas Lubben	Founder	Patricia Lenzer	Gymnastics Professional
Janet LaCava	Acting President	Amy Best	Associate Professor
Brently Groshong	Director of Music	Clifford James	Contractor/Restoration
Sally Ann Hanzlik	Educator	Joanna Hughes	Executive Director
		Jackie Vogel	Principal
		Dolly Cary	Board Secretary

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:23 p.m. by Brently Groshong.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call of Members

Present: Brently Groshong, Clifford James, Sally Ann Hanzlik, Amy Best, Patricia Lenzer

Absent: Janet LaCava

Staff Present: Joanna Hughes, Jacqueline Vogel, Dolly Cary

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016, Board of Directors meeting. (James/Lenzer) Motion carried.

III. Executive Session - None

IV. Administrators' Reports

Joanna Hughes, Executive Director

The opening of school went smoothly. There were some kinks in transportation due to the temporary closure of the 8th street Bridge. Parents picking up students are encouraged to park in our bottom lot or at Building 21. We have enlisted the help of the police to assist with specific traffic patterns. Ms. Hughes met with Dr. Cooper, Interim Superintendent, Allentown School District, and invited him to visit the Arts Academy. We are providing breakfast and cold lunches; however, starting October 3, hot lunches will be served.

Tom Taylor, Repice and Taylor, is working with Allentown School District to ensure we will be provided with a Financial Report in October. We are currently preparing our Annual Report to present to the Allentown School Board. The Arts Academy audit is scheduled for October as well as the Sharrs' nursing report. Our current student enrollment is at 421. Our PTA is working on obtaining a bus to help offset the cost for parents who provide transportation for their students who live outside the 10 mile radius where free busing is not provided. The PTA meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Field trip plans include a visit to the Baum School of Art, and the Allentown Art Museum. An anonymous donor has graciously donated \$150 for tickets to see Peter and the Wolf at Symphony Hall on February 24, 2017.

The Facilities/Operations report was presented. A copy is filed with this report.

Jackie Vogel, Principal

Students attended the first assembly of the school year today. In August, the teachers were provided with 3 in-service days and 2 new teacher induction days. The schedule was full of professional development sessions, i.e. Benchmark Literacy, DI Math, ESL, and Growth Mindset.

We're in the final stage of developing the Comprehensive Plan. The plan was accepted by PDE as a preliminary plan in order to grant our teachers ACT 48 hours.

Meet the teacher night is scheduled for this Thursday, September 15. The students are scheduled to attend the Parkettes once a month during the school year. Our RTII Coordinator is working on a universal screening for all students in reading and math.

V. Financial Report - None

VI. Committee Reports – None

VII. Old Business – None

VIII. Public Comment on Agenda Items – None

IX. New Business

Motion: To approve the appointment of Angela Sigley Grossman, Casey Gallagher, and Rosalee Sabo to the Board of Directors of the Arts Academy Elementary Charter School. (Hanzlik/Best) Motion carried unanimously.

Janet LaCava, Acting President, tendered her resignation, with regret, from the Board of Directors effective October 1, 2016.

New Staff Appointments

- o Nicholas Krajcic, (4th Grade Teacher), \$42,000
- o Kiera Catarious, (5th Grade Teacher), \$38,000
- o Colleen Ritter, (Special Education Teacher), \$38,000
- o Christina Shoemaker, (F/T Music Teacher), \$38,000
- o Megan Dagnall, (Paraprofessional), \$24,000
- o ~~Sarah Yorgey, (P/T Academic Support Teacher), \$12,360~~ Candidate rescinded acceptance of job offer
- o Deborah Thomas, (P/T Academic Support Teacher), \$12,360
- o Rasha Eltahan, (P/T Custodian), \$16/hr.
- o Lindsay Murray, (Long Term Dance Substitute), \$38,000
- o Tony-Ann Arena, (Substitute), per diem
- o Maureen Phillips, (Substitute), per diem
- o Amber Roland, (Substitute), per diem
- o Mary-Kate Walter, (Substitute), per diem

Motion: To approve the New Staff Appointments with the exception of Sarah Yorgey. (Hanzlik/Best) Motion carried.

The final version, with new language, of the Business Administration Agreement was submitted to the Board for review and approval.

Motion: To approve the revised Business Administration Agreement. (Sabo/James) Motion carried.

Open House dates for the Arts Academy are September 20, 22, and October 1.

X. Public Comments - None

XI. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting of the Board of Directors at 7:45 p.m. (Lenzer/James) Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanore M. Cary

Eleanore M. Cary, Board Secretary