

**ST. MARY'S ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
ANNUAL MEETING AND REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
JANUARY 24, 2019**

- I. MR. ELDEN PRICE, BOARD PRESIDENT, CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 12:05 P.M.
- II. THE PRESENCE OF ELDEN PRICE, SANDY FORD, ANDY WESTMORELAND, CONNIE HATFIELD AND BECKY CAUSEY ESTABLISHED A QUORUM. BOARD MEMBER ABSENT: REV. RICHARD GONZALES. STAFF PRESENT: STAN SIMONSON, RUTH CUDE, BETTY HINKLE, SUSAN CHINCARINI, JEANENE JONES, ALICE WHITLEY AND CASSANDRA BARTLETT. IN ATTENDANCE: DR. DAN PEARCE, INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR.
- III. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

**BECKY CAUSEY MADE THE MOTION; SECOND BY SANDY FORD. WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE AGAINST, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.
- V. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA.

**BECKY CAUSEY MADE THE MOTION; SECOND BY SANDY FORD. WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE AGAINST, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

**ANNUAL MEETING ITEMS**

- VI. ACTION ITEMS
  - A. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION RELATED TO CONTINUITY OF TERMS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD.

**CONNIE HATFIELD MADE THE MOTION; SECOND BY SANDY FORD. WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE AGAINST, THE MOTION CARRIED.**

- B. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION RELATED TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD COMMITTEES UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF THE BYLAWS.

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**REGULAR MEETING ITEMS**

- VII. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS
- A. THE BOARD WAS RECOGNIZED AS AN ACTIVITY OF SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH WITH A 'SCHOOL BOARD SUPERHEROES' THEME. EACH KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT SIGNED THANK YOU POSTERS DECORATED WITH WONDER WOMAN, BATMAN, SPIDERMAN AND SUPERMAN TO SHOW THEIR APPRECIATION FOR ALL THAT THE SMACS BOARD OF TRUSTEES DOES FOR THE STUDENTS.
  - B. MR. PRICE GAVE A BRIEF FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT.
  - C. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT – PRESENTED BY STAN SIMONSON, SUPERINTENDENT.
    - 1. MR. SIMONSON REPORTED ON THE STATUS OF EDUCATION RELATED BILLS AND SHARED THE DECEMBER TEXAS SENATE AND JANUARY TEXAS HOUSE REPORTS.
    - 2. SEVERAL BILLS RELATED TO EDUCATION ARE BEING PROPOSED.
    - 3. EACH MEMBER'S BOARD PACKET CONTAINED A CURRENT SPREADSHEET REFLECTING THEIR CURRENT TRAINING HOURS.
    - 4. MR. SIMONSON REPORTED THAT HE IS IN THE THIRD OF HIS THREE, ONE YEAR, TERMS SERVING AN ESC2 BOARD MEMBER AND SAID THAT DEE DEE BERNAL WILL BE APPLYING WHEN THIS TERM IS COMPLETE.
    - 5. CURRENT SPECIAL EDUCATION (SPED) ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED.
    - 6. MR. SIMONSON INTRODUCED DR. DAN PEARCE, INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT, FOR COMMENTS RELATED TO THE READING PROGRAM. DR. PEARCE COMMENTED THAT THE SCHOOL IS IN BETTER SHAPE NOW THAN HE HAS SEEN IN YEARS REGARDING CURRICULUM AND REPORTED THAT THE READING PROGRAM BENCHMARK DATA SHOWS POSITIVE GROWTH.
  - D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – PRESENTED BY STAN SIMONSON, SUPERINTENDENT AND ALICE WHITLEY, LEAD INTERVENTIONIST AND HEALTH AND WELLNESS COORDINATOR.

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1. SMACS HAS 421 STUDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED.
  2. SMACS ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE IS 97.86%.
  3. MRS. WHITLEY REPORTED THAT ALL STUDENTS ARE CURRENTLY IN STAAR READINESS MODE.
  4. STAAR DATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
    - APRIL 9- MATH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
    - APRIL 9- WRITING 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
    - APRIL 10- READING 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
    - MAY 13- MATH 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
    - MAY 14- READING 3<sup>RD</sup>, 4<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
    - MAY 15- SCIENCE 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
    - MAY 15- RETAKES 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE
  5. MRS. WHITLEY SPOKE ABOUT INTERIM TESTING AND EXPLAINED THAT THE 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE TESTED USING A WEBSITE PROVIDED BY TEA ON LAPTOPS PROVIDED BY THE TECHNOLOGY GRANT. THE PURPOSE OF INTERIM TESTING IS TO GATHER DATA REGARDING READING AND MATH.
  6. THE RACE FOR EDUCATION WILL HAPPEN AGAIN THIS YEAR AS A FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY.
  7. MRS. WHITLEY PRESENTED THE UPCOMING EVENTS REPORT AND SHARED THAT THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE ATTENDING A PARENT INVOLVEMENT CONFERENCE IN ROBSTOWN, TEXAS ON FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>. THE PARENT ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON UPDATING PARENT POLICY AND COMPACT.
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS
- A. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) FOR A FIRM TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING FUND RAISING, ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF TRAINING, AND ASSISTANCE WITH EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.

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**IX. CALENDAR**

A. IMPORTANT DATES IN MAY 2019 WERE DISCUSSED AND THE MAY 2019 ENROLLMENT LOTTERY/REGULAR BOARD MEETING IS SET FOR MAY 23, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M. WE MUST HAVE A QUORUM FOR THIS MEETING.

B. THE NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING IS SET FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2019 AT 12:00 P.M.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION – NONE.

XI. OPEN SESSION – NONE.

**XII. ADDENDUM NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

A. ITEM B WAS DELETED AS REPETITIVE.

B. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO TAKE NO ACTION REGARDING POSSIBLE BUDGET AMENDMENT.

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**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

A. MR. PRICE ENTERTAINED A MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

**ANDY WESTMORELAND MADE THE MOTION; SECOND BY BECKY CAUSEY. WITH A VOTE OF FOUR (4) FOR AND NONE AGAINST, THE MOTION CARRIED. THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:40 P.M.**

  
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Elden Price, Board President

*2-28-2019*

Date Approved

  
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Cassandra Bartlett, Secretary for the Board of Trustee