

MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR FIAFW, INC.
SCHOOL BOARD OF HIGH POINT ACADEMY – FORT WORTH

March 23, 2021 / 7:00 PM

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the above referenced corporation was held on March 23, 2021 by video conference/teleconference in accordance with Governor Abbott's temporary suspension of Open Meeting Laws. Meeting was called to order by President Connie Barnett at 7:11 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Connie Barnett, B.K. Myles, Pam Hartwell

QUORUM PRESENT:

Yes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Katie P. Stellar, Jana Tennyson, Allyson Solymosy, Heather Houpt, Craig Shreckengast, Alisha Yeager, Michelle Noskin, Denise Presson, Mandy Martin.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No

RECEIVE AND APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S):

Approved minutes - February 23, 2021 - Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by B.K. Myles (Unanimously Approved).

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

Updates and Discussion of the following:

RECOGNITIONS:

No recognitions.

REPORTS:

- **Allyson Solymosy** – I wanted to follow up on the Read Across America, we ended up having a little over nine boxes donated from Half Price Books. We were able to put really gently used books in every kid's hands. I had so many coming up and telling us about the book they picked up. We had some that had a favorite series, and we were able to dig out some extra books to help them fill their series out. What we're going to do with the leftovers is help supplement the teachers libraries, so that they can go ahead and open them up to the students now and be able to keep some books in quarantine that have just been borrowed and returned and have enough left on the shelf so that

everybody can go check out library books and keep them in their book boxes. We are starting up our STAAR tutoring. Some of the teachers are getting rolling this week, and the others are just waiting for the parent agreements to come back so that we know it's okay. We are working on planning, finalizing some of the kindergarten plans, trying to work out some of the summer camps and scheduling.

- **Heather Houpt** – Fourth grade is gearing up for the fourth grade writing STAAR which will take place on April 6. The whole team has been working together, making sure they're writing in all of the different subjects and just getting the kids ready for that. We're getting ready for all of the different camps this summer, so we're working with the other campus. I talked to Kayce Roth today, and she and I talked about how we want to plan it and how we want the two campuses to look very similar with what we're doing camp wise. And so we're going to be working on the plan over the next month or so trying to get all that knocked out. We're getting ready for the STAAR test. We've got the STAAR tutoring going on, and several volunteers to help with that.
- **Craig Shreckengast** – We're really trying to kind of focus on bringing back a little more normalcy for our kids. High School is more than just academics. We had our choir concert for seventh through 12th grade, we tried to limit it, we asked parents to only send two people. This weekend, we have our musical coming up. And that's going to be the seventh through 12th graders performing Fiddler on the Roof. We're very excited about doing it in our auditorium over at campus 003. Again, for COVID reasons, we're limiting the audience to 225, which is about 50% occupancy for the auditorium over there. There's a performance Friday night at seven. There's one Saturday at 2pm. And there's one Sunday at five o'clock. To attend you have to wear masks, we're trying to follow our COVID Healthy Start to limit spread. We're proceeding with plans for prom. Kids are excited about that. So we're going to try to put on a prom. We have a senior trip planned for the end of the year. We're planning on the kids going to Universal Studios in Florida. We've been doing our scheduling slash academic information nights for parents and students. We do a PowerPoint presentation for parents and we go over scheduling, dual enrollment, our college preparatory program. We've averaged 44 families per day, or per evening. We are preparing for next school year, working on scheduling and staffing.
- **Katie Stellar** – For the lottery, we anticipate about 590 for campus 003, around 480 for campus 002 and somewhere in the 675 to 690 range for campus 001. Quite a bit of growth for the high school with the sixth grade rolling up. I think we determined around 275 kids or so more than what we have now for High School. I received encouraging news relative to our property taxes the appraisal Review Board for Tarrant appraisal district had set a hearing for campus two. The hearing was last Thursday, and our attorney represented us. The result of that was actually that the ARB (Appraisal Review Board) was very receptive to the arguments that he made. The ARB granted exemption for the tax years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, for Campus 002 (Crowley Road) location. The Tarrant Appraisal District can file a notice of appeal within 15 days of last Thursday. If they file a notice of appeal, we will be notified within 10 days of the filing. The Appraisal District then has 60 days from the date of the Appraisal Review Board order within which to file suit with the district court. If we don't receive a notice of appeal that's been filed with the Appraisal Review Board within 25 days, we'll have a good procedural defense in any suit that might be filed. If there is no suit filed by the Tarrant Appraisal District within 60 days after the ARB's order, then the case is final. And we will have the exemption. So it's a wait and see game. We are also waiting on the hearing for the 1256 Jim Wright freeway campus. We are expecting to get some notification about that soon. If we get that exemption, that's about \$350,000 a year that we've been paying to the Tarrant appraisal district just on campus 002 alone, which should come back to us, allowing us to put that back into the education of the students. With the musical coming up, we were able to get a fair price bid for sound equipment for the auditorium, which is currently being installed. The interior construction that added the choir room, the offices and the art room at the 8300 campus is done. Now we just wait for the ADA inspection. We have 30 days from the completion of the construction to carry out that ADA inspection. I am meeting with the developers about the modulars on Thursday to try to get a handle

on where we are and what we can expect with the timeline. At the last board meeting, the board members agreed that we should sign a letter of engagement to move forward with Truist for the bonding process on the properties. So Truist has started gathering some of the documents that they need to help point us in the right direction. We are working to bond out on Campus 001, Campus 002, and also on Campus 003. That would put us in a very good place in terms of taxes and property taxes.

- **Karen Emery** – presented Financial Report - Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by B.K. Myles (Unanimously Approved).

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

The following Corporate Actions were taken by appropriate motions duly made, seconded, and adopted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors entitled to vote (unless a higher voting approval is stated)

- a) Calendar Change Notification - Motion made by B.K. Myles, 2nd by Pam Hartwell (Unanimously Approved).
- b) Budget Amendment - Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by B.K. Myles (Unanimously Approved).
- c) Board Resolution- Motion made by Pam Hartwell, 2nd by B.K. Myles (Unanimously Approved).
- f) Executive Session (Personnel/Financial) – No executive session this meeting.
- g) Reconvene from Executive Session/Vote on items discussed in Executive Session– No executive session this meeting.
- h) Request(s) by Board Member(s) for item(s) to be placed on agenda for next board meeting - None at this time.

Adjourn

Motion made by B.K. Myles, 2nd by Pam Hartwell; Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m. (Unanimously Approved).

Adjournment Approved

Minutes submitted and certified by President Connie Barnett

Connie Barnett, Board President