



Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School, Inc.
An Arkansas Nonprofit Corporation

Board Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2018

MISSION

The mission of Southeast Arkansas Academy is to develop scholars prepared to take the next step in their educational journeys, through innovative, equitable, collaborative, and authentic experiences that develop critical thinking relevant in today's global society.

Preliminaries

Pat Hart called the meeting to order at 6:03 P. M. A quorum of the directors was present (Pat Hart, Charles Anderson, Yaminah Holt, Louise Hickman, Ken Thornton and Linda Callaway). Administrators Alex Noguerola and Dedrick Sims were also present. Dora Sergeant, Vanetta Simon, Christopher Mack and Janette Spicer were guests.

The meeting agenda was presented for approval as amended. Linda Callaway made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, and Yaminah Holt seconded it. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

The next order of business was the approval of the minutes for the July 21, 2018, meeting (emailed out in advance to the board members for their consideration). Charles Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, and Louise Hickman seconded it. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Action Items

The Board of Directors' Handbook was approved with the option to amend at the next board meeting. Ken Thornton made a motion to approve, and Charles Anderson seconded it. The handbook was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There was no public participation.

Reports and Discussion Items

D.1 – The following items were discussed during the **Sims-Fayola Foundation's report**:

- Student Recruitment/Enrollment
 - Christopher Mack was promoted to Dean of Students and was given the opportunity to address the board regarding his experiences during the first 6 weeks of school.
 - Laptops will be given to senior as graduation gifts. Ken made a motion to approve the graduation gifts, and Charles seconded it; the motion was approved.
 - The possibility of purchasing school buses was presented, with prices ranging from \$12,000-\$60,000. Linda made a motion to grant permission for Dedrick Sims to gather more specific cost information for the buses, and Charles seconded it; the motion was approved.
 - If public transportation were selected as an option to transport students, Pine Bluff Transit will create 2 times slots; one at 7:30 A.M. and one at 4:30 P.M. Their routes will remain the same. The cost is per student whether a student rides or not. Dedrick will confirm those details.
- We will start having more Information Sessions again to help increase student enrollment.
- The October – November student enrollment plans consist of yard sign campaigns where parents are encouraged to take pictures of their students with the yard signs and post them on social media. Videos of the students' experiences at the school are also being made.
- Operations
 - The school inspection is complete, and we passed inspections; we awaiting the fire department report, which will be ready in December.
 - There aren't any roof or ceiling tiles repairs.
- Athletics
 - Brandon Stargell is compiling a baseball schedule which may allow us to have a team in spring 2019.
 - Mrs. Bethel Byrd is taking the lead for a potential volleyball team.
 - Intramural basketball will began with the teachers against the students.

D.2 – The following items were discussed during the board president's report:

- Pat Hart asked if the board will plan a meeting or allocate meeting time during which she can present items discussed during Board Recruitment & Development.
- APSRC Board Training will be held on October 16th and November 13th. Board members are required to have either 6 or 9 hours of training depending on the number of years as a member.

D.3 – **Financial Report**

We reviewed and discussed the budget in detail compared to the actual.

D.4 – The following items were discussed during the principal’s report:

- State Initial Visit
- Standards Update – the legal waivers have been renewed.
- The recruitment efforts consist of attending more community events, offering a free uniform, and having teachers mail out appreciation cards to students. Also, Mrs. Byrd was able to secure a free trip to Crystal Bridges. During this trip, the students will tour the U of A in Fayetteville.
- A petition from parents was presented concerning the school day length. A revised schedule was presented to show that the school days can be shortened about 30 minutes without altering the model. Ken made a motion to give the superintendent the discretion to make adjustments as needed without altering the model. Linda seconded it; the motion was approved.

D.5 – The Governing Board may, under state statues, go into Executive Session – upon approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the Directors present – to discuss matters pertaining to:

1. **Negotiations [particular matter:]; SFF/SAPHS Separation of Duties** – Dedrick presented the board with a description of the separation of duties between the Sims-Fayola Foundation and SAPHS. Approved duties were to be added to the Rights of the Board document. Yaminah made a motion to approve, and Louise seconded it; the duties were approved.
2. **Personnel [particular matter:]; Board member application** – Yaminah Holt nominated Janette Spicer for a board member position. Her application was discussed. Louise made a motion to accept her application, and Ken seconded it; the motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Ken Thornton made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Linda Callaway seconded; the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 P.M.

The next meeting of Southeast Arkansas Preparatory High School will be held on October 11, 2018 from 6 P.M. – 8 P.M. at 1501 W. 73rd Ave. Pine Bluff, AR 71603.