



Treasure Coast Classical Academy (TCCA)

Minutes for Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

1400 SE Cove Rd, Stuart, FL 34997

April 20, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Due to COVID-19, meeting held with attendance option via Communications Media Technology (CMT)

MINUTES

Members in Attendance

- Laura Pate
- Joseph Featherstone
- Brandon Tucker – via CMT

School Personnel in Attendance

- Janine Swearingin, Principal
- Erika Donalds, Executive Director

Members Absent

1. Meeting called to order at 9:07 A.M.
2. Attendance taken.
3. Motion to approve board meeting minutes of 2/9/2021 made by Laura Pate and seconded by Brandon Tucker. Vote: unanimous.
4. **Principal's Report:** Ms. Swearingin provided an update on student attendance. Martin County School District has been very helpful to work with, especially on ESE and ELL topics. Ms. Swearingin outlined student academic growth compared to the baseline data gathered earlier in the school year. Emergency Order 2021-02 and impact for TCCA was reviewed.
5. **Executive Director's Report:** Mrs. Donalds explained average class size data at other BCSI schools, as well as other classical academies. TCCA's staffing remains higher than similar charter schools. Commitment remains to keep teacher salaries competitive.
6. **Community Comments:** none
7. **Board Update:** Chairman requested to add an agenda item- resignation of Joan Hoffpauir. Motion to accept her resignation made by Brandon Tucker and seconded by Laura Pate. Vote: unanimous.
8. **New Business**
 - A. Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Preview was presented by Susan Turner from the Optima Foundation. Although the Florida legislature approved teacher salary increase funding, the calculation for its allocation to schools, as well as FDOE's rules on disbursement, created an inequity between charter salaries and district salaries. FY22 budget aims to correct this and match the local district's teacher base salary, as well as enhance TCCA's ESE program. Enrollment will increase for next year to cover budget and add 8th grade. Motion to approve the FY22 budget preview as presented made by Brandon Tucker and seconded by Laura Pate. Vote: unanimous.
 - B. New Board Members: board members discussed their progress in recruiting new members.
9. **Policy Updates**
 - A. 2700 General Student Policies- motion to approve as presented made by Laura Pate and seconded by Brandon Tucker. Vote: unanimous.
 - B. 5400 Food Service_Wellness Policy- motion to approve as presented made by Laura Pate and seconded by Brandon Tucker. Vote: unanimous.

10. **Good of the Order** none

11. **Announcements** none

12. **Board Comments**- Laura Pate requested an update on the School Operations Manager position. Mrs. Donalds explained progress to date on recruitment. At this time, it will be a summer start date. Dr. Pate also asked about student busing, as parents are still posing questions on this topic. Mrs. Donalds reviewed the outcome of busing initiative this year; not enough families committed to support the program. TCCA cannot cover the costs of busing in its budget.

13. **Meeting adjourned** at 9:57 A.M.