



"To provide every child a classical and academically rigorous education while instilling a commitment to civic virtue and moral character"

***Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Savannah Classical Academy, Inc.  
February 8, 2018***

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of Savannah Classical Academy, Inc. was held at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, February 8, 2018, at Savannah Classical Academy, 705 East Anderson Street, on notice duly given.

The board directors present were:

Falen Cox  
Scott McGhie  
Roger Moss  
Coren Ross  
Terri O'Neil  
Benjamin Couch Payne, School Director

Absent with notice:

Paul Sidney  
Ryan Dew  
Don Waters

It was determined there was a quorum as required by the bylaws for transaction of business.

Ms. Cox, chair, called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

Ms. Cox motioned to amend the Minutes from the January 11, 2018 Regular Meeting by including Ms. Cox as moving to return to open session at 7:01 p.m. and inserting Mr. McGhie as seconded. Mr. McGhie moved to accept the consent agenda and the Minutes as amended, Mrs. Ross seconded; all board members present agreed.

Mr. Payne distributed and presented the Director's report. Highlights included:

- A long term substitute teacher has been hired for the vacant High School SpEd position.
- 2018-2019 enrollment was reviewed. Mr. McGhie asked for current enrollment data. Mr. Payne agreed to provide the requested information. Ms. Cox announced that the Intent to Enroll letter had been submitted. Confirmation is still needed to confirm the calculation of the approved 15% enrollment increase. Mr. Payne agreed to follow up and copy Ms. Cox on communications.
- Open enrollment for the Lottery is underway.
- Touring dates and times were discussed. Mr. Payne confirmed tours are happening twice a week for prospective students at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. Lollis distributed a Summary Report of the MAP data and testing results, explaining it showed positive growth. Mr. McGhie inquired as to plans to address areas where target growth was not reached. Mr. Lollis stated that the school will receive a Unify report next week which will break down the standards, helping to highlight those areas needing focus. He further stated that there will be mid-term assessments on the standards given. Mr. Payne confirmed that these mid-terms will not only be a measure of understanding for the students, but also a measure as to how well the teachers have taught those standards presented. Mr. Moss asked that completion of mid-terms be incorporated into professional development plans for teachers going forward. Mr. Payne and Ms. Cox agreed. Ms. Cox asked for a status update to be presented to the Board at the next Regular Meeting. Mr. Payne and Mr. Lollis agreed.

\*\*\*\*\* All reports discussed in the minutes are kept on file and are available for review. \*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Lollis stated eighteen students tested to qualify for College level courses. Nine of students qualified and will begin classes at Savannah Tech in March. He explained that a few students will be retested as they scored just short of qualifying. Mr. Moss inquired as to the availability of SAT test prep and Mr. Lollis confirmed that this will be offered. Mr. Lollis noted that he has reached out to Dr. Angie Lewis about starting a Culinary Arts program next school year and that he is working on obtaining funding for the equipment required. Mr. Lollis next reminded the Board of the importance of the upcoming FTE count on March 1, 2018, as it determines the schools funding. Efforts are being made do ensure counts and coding correct.

Mr. Payne updated the Board as to progress with the Corrective Action Plan, stating that updates have been made, deadlines met, and that the school is on track. Mrs. Ross inquired as to LKES responsibilities and needs. Ms. Cox suggested that it would be best to meet as a Committee to review.

Mr. Sidney was not available to present the Academic Accountability report.

Mrs. Ross presented a report on behalf of the Development Committee, highlighting the Challenge Grant, Strings Grant, Heart of SCA Campaign, and additional forthcoming support. She also explained the Georgia Bar Association Grant will be due in May. All Board members present then participated in donating to the Heart of SCA Campaign. Mrs. Ross thanked Ms. Tillman for helping to coordinate the campaign with students, teachers, and parents.

Mr. Moss spoke on behalf of the Community Relations Committee stating that a report was sent out from the last Committee meeting. Mr. Moss reiterated the Committee's interest in receiving stories and news regarding SCA student achievements as they are looking to establish press releases to go out to the general public. He asked for Mr. Lollis and Mr. Payne to continue to forward news and accomplishments to him.

Mr. McGhie circulated the Finance Committee Meeting Report for review and discussion. He indicated an area of focus is the comparison of SCA teachers' pay to those teachers in the local district. Ms. Cox stated allocation of resources will be a primary focus when setting the budget and that she will work with Mr. McGhie to set the dates for future budget meetings.

Ms. Cox spoke on behalf of the Governance Committee, as Mr. Dew was not in attendance, stating that she will ask Mr. Dew to ensure all Board members have an up to date copy of the bylaws.

Ms. Cox referenced the Policy and Procedures chair vacancy and asked the Board to forward any interested parties to her.

Mrs. Ross moved to go into closed session pursuant to O.C.G.A. 50-14-3 (b) (2) at 7:15 p.m. to discuss a parent grievance. Mr. McGhie seconded; all board members present agreed. At 7:24 p.m. Mr. Moss moved to return to open session, Mr. McGhie seconded; all board members present agreed. Mr. Moss moved to accept the recommendations of Mr. Sidney regarding the parent grievances, Mrs. Ross seconded; all board members present agreed.

As New Business, Ms. Cox announced that the SCA Board parent email address has been created and one email has already been sent and received, which voiced concerns about Middle School Basketball. Mr. Lollis asked the Board if they could keep Athletics in mind when it comes time to do the budget. Mr. McGhie asked for help in understanding the needs of the athletic programs.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:28 p.m. by Mr. Moss, Mr. McGhie seconded; all board members present agreed. A regular meeting is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Savannah Classical Academy, 704 East Anderson Street.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed copy on file)

Christina Orlandi under supervision of Ryan Dew, Secretary