



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019, 6:00-8:30 P.M.

NORTH CAMPUS – SECONDARY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM (TITAN ROOMS A AND B, 1ST FLOOR)

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens, equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.

AGENDA

- | | Allotted Time/Start Time |
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| I. Call to Order (6:00 pm) | 1 min (6:00) (6:00) |
| • The Chair (Mr. Moulton) called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm | |
| II. Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call | 2 min (6:01) (6:01) |
| • Roll call: (Dr. Andre; Absent // Mr. Bennett; Here // Mrs. Goin; Here // Mr. Hannan; Here // Ms. Littleton; Here // Mr. Moulton; Here // Mr. Rudder; Here) A quorum was present. | |
| III. Approval of Agenda | 2 min (6:03) (6:02) |
| • Motion: Ms. Littleton moved to approve the agenda with following addition and was seconded: | |
| o Add item XI.C2. Working Session Communication | |
| • Discussion: None | |
| • <u>Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)</u> | |
| IV. Celebrate TCA (Central Elementary Warrior Run) | 5 min (6:05) (6:03) |
| Action: (Harris) | |
| Motion: (Info) | |
| Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents | |
| • Recognized TCA's all-campus K-12 fundraising effort for the Wounded Warrior Project by recognizing several Central Elementary students | |
| • Students spoke about their recent Warrior Service Run | |
| o The students shared how Wounded Warrior cares for veterans through various events and support | |
| • Through Central Elementary's Warrior Run, funds have been raised to help over 170 veterans | |
| V. Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 5 minutes to address the Board) | 5 min (6:10) (6:07) |
| (NOTE: Per procedural rules if more than one person is speaking on the same topic we request that one or two specific spokespersons speak on behalf of the group) | |
| • A TCA Parent, Mrs. Henriquez, spoke on behalf of her son to ask the Board to allow him to grow his hair long to better identify with his cultural heritage and to be able to return to school with his longer hair | |
| VI. Comments from the Board of Directors | 5 min (6:15) (6:12) |
| • Mr. Moulton: Mr. Moulton praised the TCA Veteran's Day Celebration Assembly where he was seated by Colorado Senate Representative and guest speaker Owen Hill; Mr. Moulton is now a member of the CLCS Governmental Affairs Committee; Mr. Moulton encouraged everyone to see TCA's musical "Holiday Inn" this weekend | |
| • Mrs. Goin: Mrs. Goin is committed to seeking out different opinions about TCA and making new friends in the TCA community | |
| VII. Board Development | 20 min (6:20) (6:15) |
| Action: (Miller) | |

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to reinforce good practices of effective school boards

- Mr. Miller (TCA legal representative) presented a list of topics involving legislation that could be adverse to charter schools (including TCA) that included the following:
 - Increase in regulations
 - Require licensed teachers
 - Remove waivers to regulations
 - Making it more difficult to renew charter school authorizations
- Mr. Miller also presented some of the misconceptions that exist in the general population
 - Charter Schools drain educational resources
 - Charter Schools are private schools
 - Charter Schools don't follow the same rules as other public schools
- Mr. Miller proposed that the TCA Board invite other charter schools to discuss how to better educate parents and their districts about charter schools and the challenges/benefits in their communities

VIII. **Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights**

15 min (6:40) (6:32)

Action: (Sojourner)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academic Services, HR, Finance)

- Dr. Sojourner highlighted the following items from his report:
 - Veterans Day Assembly
 - A Core Values-based distinctive at TCA
 - Colorado veteran and Senator Owen Hill was the guest speaker
 - Monitoring Report
 - Presentation to ASD20 Board went very well
 - ASD20 Board only had good things to say about TCA
 - Interim Director of Operations (DO)
 - Kevin Pacht is the interim TCA DO
 - We are expecting to hire a DO in the spring
 - Moved Registrar office from the operational control of DO to that of DAS

IX. **Consent Agenda**

3 min (6:55) (6:37)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

- A. Finance (VanGambleare)
 - 1. September Financials
 - 2. Quarterly Financial Summary
 - 3. Internal Financial Controls Report
- B. SAC Meeting Minutes
 - 1. Junior High; Sept 24, 2019
 - 2. East Elementary; Nov 5, 2019

- **Motion: Mr. Rudder moved to file the Consent Agenda and was seconded**

- Discussion: None

- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

X. **Minutes: October 7, 2019**

2 min (6:58) (6:38)

Action: (Swanson)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes

Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files

- **Motion: Mrs. Goin moved to approve the October 7, 2019 minutes and was seconded**

- Discussion: None

- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

XI. **Discussion Agenda Items**

A. Items removed from Consent Agenda

B. Cabinet Level Reports

- 1. **Operations Capital Construction Report (Monthly)/Allocate New Construction Monies from Bond Funds**

10 min (7:00) (6:39)

Action: (Pacht)

Motion: (Vote) to approve both Capital Construction Committee's motions for the following:

- 1) Capital Construction Priority List
- 2) Appropriate \$100,000 from Capital Fund for operations to begin planning and construction efforts

Rationale: to review progress on all TCA capital construction projects and allocate funds to begin construction on new projects

- **Motion: The Capital Construction Committee moved that the Board appropriate \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund for TCA Operations to begin the planning and consultation efforts necessary to begin capital construction project work.**
- Discussion:
 - TCA anticipates receiving final distribution from the District 20 3A bond in Jan/Feb 2020, which will total \$6.41M.
 - The Board voted to release \$100k to begin the planning and consultation efforts necessary to begin associated capital construction project work.
 - This phase of construction will concentrate on the North Campus master build-out plan upgrades previously approved by the TCA Board, to include band and choir rooms, locker rooms, weight room and wrestling room.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

2. State Assessment/Student Achievement Comparative Analysis Report/ Accreditation Report 20 min (7:10) (6:52)

Action: (Jolly)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to review and assess TCA student achievement

- Mr. Jolly reported in the 41 areas assessed TCA exceeded the district score in 35 areas and finished 1st or 2nd in 24 of the assessments.
- TCA received the highest rating for accreditation and our achievements continue to be excellent.
- Mr. Jolly shared that, "the academic leadership team will continue to be vigilant examining our performance and focused on areas to improve, while staying true to our Core Values."

Break (7:23)

3. Budget Projection Report (5 Year) 10 min (7:30) (7:33)

Action: (VanGambleare)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to review the five year financial projection

- We strive to be conservative when establishing our annual budget
- For FY19/20, PPR increased 4.4% over the prior year; The Governor's initial budget shows a 2.7% increase in K-12 funding for FY20/21
- PERA costs will increase for employees and employer again net FY.
- Medical benefits have stabilized
- Continued focus on funding deferred maintenance is a priority

4. Annual Year Financial Review (Previous FY) 10 min (7:40) (7:44)

Action: (VanGambleare)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to review previous year's financial health

- Conservative budgeting has allowed us to be financially sound and in a healthy position in the following ways:
 - Increase in our net position
 - 99 days of cash in our General Fund
 - Made final payment to ASD20 for Central Campus
 - Debt service has decreased over the years (from about 18% to currently 11.9%)
 - Developing relationships with ASD20 to secure favorable bond funding

C. Board Level Reports

1. Quarterly FAC Report/Audit Review 10 min (7:50) (7:50)

Action: (Goin, VanGambleare)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to review comments from the FAC and review results from the audit

- TCA received a clean/ unmodified opinion in the annual audit report for FY18/19.
 - No difficulties to report
 - No issues with daily internal controls

- Mrs. DeMott and her team worked very hard during the year and especially in preparation for this year's audit and are to be commended

2. Working Session Communication (8:13)

Action: (Moulton)

Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: to discuss communication to parents about next steps in Board discussions concerning the use of digital devices at TCA

- Important to develop a plan of action to:
 - Ensure we are headed in a unified direction
 - Provide information to our community and solicit their feedback

D. Board Communication 5 min (8:00) (8:17)

Action: (Secretary)

Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community

- Celebrate TCA
- Veterans Day
- Capital Construction
- DAS Report

E. Future Board Agenda Items 5 min (8:05) (8:19)

1. Adopt a School Report, Dec, Individual Board Members
2. Annual Registrar Report, Dec, Harper
3. Parent Survey Plan, Dec, Jolly
4. New Course Approvals, Dec, Jolly

F. Comments from the Board of Directors 5 min (8:10) (8:20)

- Mr. Bennett thanked Mrs. Harris (TCA Communication Director) for expanding TCA's on-line reach through its Facebook page
- Ms. Littleton thanked Dr. Sojourner for the invitation to view the Lance P. Sijan documentary at the TCA auditorium; reflecting Capt. Sijan's courage, honesty, and heroism

G. Executive Session 15 min (8:15) (8:21)

Action: (Moulton)

Motion: to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback

Rationale: to provide TCA President with Bi-annual feedback from the TCA Board

- **Motion: Mr. Rudder moved to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

XII. Adjournment (Approx. 8:30 p.m.) (8:30) (8:57)

- **Motion: Mr. Moulton moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 6-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Bennett; Yea // Mrs. Goin; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Ms. Littleton; Yea // Mr. Moulton; Yea // Mr. Rudder; Yea)**

Rich Bennett
TCA Board Secretary