

**WALTON ACADEMY, INC.
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, March 5th, 2020
Time: 10:00 am
Location: Walton Academy - Classroom Building 13
389 Dorsey Avenue
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

I. Call to Order, Review of Public Notice, Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Rader at 10:10 am. Ms. Carlene Anderson, acting Chairperson has resigned from the board since our last meeting so the school will elect board officers at the start of the meeting (change from to the draft agenda). Board members present were: Jessica Swanson and Wayne Graham (on the phone). Guests in attendance were: Dr. Bill Rader, Tammie Braden, David Schmidt, Shekima Fields, Marie Laurino, Ray Sansom, Reverend David King, Lisa Johnson, Allison Schnell and Amy Pupo. Before the start of the meeting, several students visited to present their binders of work samples. They spent a few moments speaking with the board and guests.

II. Approval of Minutes, November 7th, 2019- The last meeting's minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Graham, 2nd by Ms. Swanson.

III. Board Member Matters – Two new board members, Rev. David King and Ms. Lisa Johnson were introduced and approved at this time on a motion by Ms. Swanson and a 2nd by Mr. Graham. Also, with Ms. Anderson's accepted resignation, new board officers will need to be elected. Ms. Jessica Swanson was approved as the new chairperson on a motion by Mr. Graham, seconded by Rev. King. Mr. Graham was selected as new board secretary, on a motion by Ms. Swanson, seconded by Rev. King.

IV. Approval of Agenda - The meeting's revised agenda was approved with edits on a motion by Mr. Graham and 2nd by Ms. Swanson.

V. Public Comment for registered speaker, if any – N/A

VI. Reports

A. Directors' Reports – presented by David Schmidt/Shekima Fields

Walton Academy – Mr. Schmidt talked about how great the 2nd semester of school has been, that there are 19 students who will sit for the SAT. He mentioned his team, and how they effectively tackle unique needs. Recently the school district toured the campus and it went well, they gave a great report. Walton Learning Center - Ms. Fields spoke regarding Walton Learning Center that the school is doing great. She is proud of the fact that the students take opportunities to change their life stories. She also has a wonderful team, that the staff is educating the students for life, not just academically. Ms. Fields is thankful for her team. 56 kids have graduated. She also extended an invitation to the board to come on campus and tour, that she is proud of it. Mr. Sansom explained the differences between the two schools for the new board members.

B. Management Report – presented by Dr. Rader and Ray Sansom

- i. Mr. Sansom continued to explain how the schools are run. Several of the board members had questions about the campuses and safety.

VII. Action Items

A. Personnel Recommendations/Changes – presented by Amy Pupo

The personnel reports for both schools were discussed and approved on a motion by Ms. Swanson, 2nd by Rev. King.

B. Financial Reports – presented by Tammie Braden

Walton Academy:

- i. **Monthly Financial Statements – Ms. Braden presented the statements for each account. The statements are sent to the school district.**
- ii. **Budget Amendment 2019-2020 – enrollment is down (from 163 FTE to 159.5 FTE) due to diversion programs, so an amendment is necessary.**
- iii. **IRS Form 990 – last year’s audit was presented to the board. It was another clean audit and we will remain with the same CPA firm for next year’s audit. The 990 has already been submitted to the IRS, this is for board review. The financial statements and budget amendment were approved on a motion by Ms. Swanson and 2nd by Ms. Johnson.**

Walton Learning Center:

- i. **Financial Statements - Per the Profit and Loss statement and balance sheet, it was mentioned that both schools are financially sound.**
- ii. **Budget Amendment 2019-2020 – the financial statements and budget amendment were approved on a motion by Ms. Swanson and 2nd by Ms. Johnson.**

VIII. Other Action Items

- A. **Best and Brightest Award Memo of Understanding – Ms. Braden explained that this is a bonus system to give to teachers. The district has determined how they will distribute funds and we will follow their suit. Walton Academy has 6 Teachers eligible for the recognition award. This recommendation was approved on a motion by Rev. King and seconded by Ms. Swanson.**
- B. **Walton Academy Charter Renewal – the application is for another 5 years. The state has added some items, this will be up for approval at the next school district board meeting.**

IX. Emergency Items

X. Board Member Matters –The next meeting is set for Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 10:00 am.

XI. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Pupo, Acting Recorder