

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

**Date:** Thursday, February 28, 2019  
**Time:** 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Walton Academy - Classroom Building 17  
389 Dorsey Avenue  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435

- I. **Call to Order, Review of Public Notice, Roll Call**  
The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Will Whitehurst at 2:36 pm. Board members present were: Carlene Anderson, Jo Henderson and Will Whitehurst. Guests in attendance were: Dr. Bill Rader, Ray Sansom, Terri Roberts, Allison Schnell, David Schmidt, Shekima Fields, Marie Laurino and Amy Pupo. Wayne Graham submitted his proxy vote for Will Whitehurst to vote on his behalf.
- II. **Approval of Minutes, October 18, 2018 - The last meeting's minutes were approved on a motion by Ms. Henderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Anderson.**
- III. **Approval of Agenda - The meeting's draft agenda was approved on a motion by Ms. Henderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Anderson.**
- IV. **Public Comment for registered speaker, if any - N/A**
- V. **Reports -**
  - A. **Directors' Reports - presented by David Schmidt/Shekima Fields**  
Walton Academy - Members of the student Leadership Committee spoke on their thoughts about attending the school and their successes. All three stories were compelling and the board was excited to hear of the students' growth and future path. Mr. Schmidt spoke regarding the student leadership board (on the wall in room 17) and how it's been received. Parents' Night was the week before and it was a (student-led) success. He also mentioned being in testing time and he has 30 students taking the SAT. He thinks the year is going to finish off strong. Ms. Laurino brought up that the school does a lot to prepare the students for their future lives, by supporting them and informing them of all opportunities available, that they might not be receiving this support at home. Ms. Anderson brought up the question of wondering how the students' plan for the future - what are their goals? Mr. Schmidt had done a survey and plans to send it to all board members in the next few days. Walton Learning Center - Ms. Fields spoke on Walton Learning Center and how things are going great. The school now has 27 students and <s Fields was excited to announce that one of her students had recently got his GED and how that was a big accomplishment for this student, that she also has a 2<sup>nd</sup> student who is in line to graduate. She also stated that 24 of the 27 students are concerned about their credits and graduation. Around 60% of her students are on the A/B Honor Roll. Mr. Sansom mentioned that detention facilities are now being rated, that Walton Learning received a commendable rating, which they are proud of.
  - B. **Management Report - presented by Dr. Rader/Ray Sansom**  
Dr. Rader mentioned that this year has been excellent for both schools, that there is stellar leadership assisting in the success. He announced that there will be some changes in the flow of facility project management. He gave an overall review of facility and security updates to the school. Dr. Rader also stated that at the next board meeting there will be initiatives presented for the long term

range planning at the school. Portables are short-term solutions and the school needs to plan for long term/new buildings.

**VI. 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. Anderson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Henderson.

**B. Financial Reports – presented by Terri Roberts**

**Walton Academy:**

- i. **Monthly Financial Statement – Ms. Roberts presented the monthly statement and balance sheet, which is sent to the school district. Right now there is a little over 14% in reserves in the general fund.**
- ii. **Budget Amendment 2018-2019 – there is a slight increase in the operating fund revenue, due to higher FTE count (Oct counted 175, this count was 175.64). Ms. Roberts explained the revenue/expenditure of the Mental Health Contract, which has a professional come to the school each Wednesday, for 5 hours a week. On the capital fund, the state-funded security grant has been spent on security cameras and a door buzzer. We also have \$17K in the budget earmarked for other facility remodeling/renovations.**
- iii. **Walton Academy Salary Increases 2018-2019 – Ms. Roberts budgeted for these salary increases, 2.5%, to be paid on the March payroll and retroactive back to the start of the school year. The financial statement, budget amendment and salary increases were approved on a motion by Ms. Anderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Henderson.**

**Walton Learning Center:**

- i. **Financial Statements - Per the Profit and Loss statement, a small profit around \$19,880 was reported. Regarding the balance sheet, the total equity was \$127,994.**
- ii. **Budget Amendment 2018-2019 – there is a slight decrease in revenue. Ms. Roberts asked about the Edgenuity substitute at the school since it's the first time we've contracted with them to supply a teacher.**
- iii. **Walton Learning Center Salary Increases 2018-2019 – see above, same properties as Walton Academy salaries. The financial statements, budget amendment and salary increases were approved on a motion by Ms. Henderson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Anderson.**

**VII. Other Action Items**

**VIII. Emergency Items**

**IX. Board Member Matters – Ms. Henderson wanted to commend the leaders of the schools. Ms. Anderson wondered about a timeline for future plans for Walton Academy and Dr. Rader said it would be highlighted at the next meeting. He also mentioned that the charter is up for renewal in about a year. The next meeting is set for Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 10:00 am.**

**X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Amy Pupo, Acting Recorder*