

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

**Date:** March 5, 2014  
**Time:** 2:30 pm  
**Location:** Walton Academy  
389 Dorsey Avenue  
DeFuniak Springs, FL

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

The meeting was called to order by chairperson Rachel Gillis at 2:32 pm. Board members Rachel Gillis, Joel Paul, Rhonda Skipper and Brian Howard were present; Guests were: Dr. Bill Rader, Allison Schnell, Terri Roberts, Ray Sansom, Steve Ruder and Debbie Brown.

**II. Approval of Minutes, November 6, 2013**

The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Paul, seconded by Ms. Skipper.

**III. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved on a motion by Ms. Skipper, seconded by Mr. Howard.

**IV. Public Comment for registered speaker, if any-none**

**V. Consent Items**

**A. Personnel Recommendations/Changes**

Mr. Ray Sansom, Vice President of Human Resources and Administration, presented a list of all employees who have resigned, terminated or transferred since the last meeting. The Personnel Recommendations and changes were approved on a motion by Ms. Skipper, seconded by Mr. Howard.

**VI. Report and Discussion**

**A. FY 2013-14 Budget Update**

Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Terri Roberts, presented the Budget Update. The Florida Department of Education approved a new format for the Charter School Monthly Financial Reports. The Budget Update was approved on a motion by Ms. Skipper, seconded by Mr. Howard.

**B. FTE 2013-14 Update**

Mr. Steve Ruder, Director of Walton Academy, reported that the FTE for February was 181.

**C. Director's Report**

Mr. Ruder reported on the following: The school hosted a Title I Parent Involvement night that was successful. The students, utilizing the musical instruments from the classrooms, performed for the parents.;

**The Walton County Tax Collector's Office hosted an coat drive for the students and were able to donate 100 coats.; The school has implemented an American Sign Language Class, which is the 1<sup>st</sup> school in Walton County to offer this class. The students are embracing this language and using it outside the classroom.**

**D. Management Report**

**Dr. Rader, President of The Rader Group, reported that the school has had a great year. There have been no issues with the school or with Walton County School District. He also noted that the campus is looking great after the improvements that have been completed this year.**

**Mr. Sansom reported on the possibility of adding a new program in Bay County. If the program is approved, the program will be run under the Walton Academy, Inc. Board of Directors. Bay County School District wants a program for the Drop Out Prevention Education for students that are struggling in their schools. Mr. Sansom will continue the discussions with Bay County.**

**VII. Other Action Items-none**

**VIII. Emergency Items-none**

**IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None**

**X. Board Member Matters**

**Ms. Gillis proposed that the Board consider a building a permanent building in the future. Mr. Sansom reported that the renewal of the Charter contract is due next year and suggested a ten year contract to give stability for facility needs.**

**XI. Adjournment**

**The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson at 3:00 pm.**

***Respectfully Submitted,***

***Debbie Brown, Acting Recorder***