

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

Date: March 11, 2015
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 2:30 pm. Board members Rachel Gillis, Jo Henderson and Brian Howard were present; Guests were: Ray Sansom, Dr. Rader, Terri Roberts, Steve Ruder and Debbie Brown.

II. Approval of Minutes, December 10, 2014

The minutes were approved as presented on a motion by Ms. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Howard.

III. Approval of Agenda

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

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 Mr. Howard, seconded by Ms. Henderson.

VI. Report and Discussion

A. Financial Reports

a. FY14/15 Budget Update

Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, Terri Roberts, presented the 2014-15 Budget Update. The budget was revised to 178, which reflect the average FTE for the October 2014 and the February 2015 counts. The original budget was based on 170 FTE, which is a slight increase of the earlier projection. Ms. Roberts explained that she is working with the Walton County School District to get the refund for overpayment of last year's FTE. It is estimated at \$74,510. Expenses have been fairly constant with a projected ending fund balance of \$261,821.98. The 2014/15 Budget Revision for Walton Academy was approved on a motion by Ms. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Howard.

B. Director's Report

Mr. Ruder reported on the following: The school's FTE has remained solid and he has been working closely with the District to keep enrollment on track; The school has a one-to-one technology ratio and has added an additional computer lab for seniors and alternative education students; He is currently working on the Charter Renewal; and is expecting about 15 to 20 students to graduate this year.

C. Management Report

Dr. Rader reported that he has been meeting with Mr. Sansom and Mr. Ruder to research another possible location for the school. They have determined that their current site is the best location and they are researching the purchase of land behind the school to expand the campus from 2.7 acres to 5 or 6 acres. They are planning to add a parking lot off the main road that will have about 45 spaces. In addition, they will either add more modular buildings or build a permanent building for future growth.

In addition, Dr. Rader reported that the renewal is expected to be approved in April at the Walton County School District Board meeting. The request for renewal is for a five year term.

VII. Other Action Items-none

VIII. Emergency Items-none

IX. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - None

X. Board Member Matters

Ms. Gillis reported that she and three of her staff members have been certified in training for Youth Mental Health for both Educators and Law Enforcement. She would like to offer an eight hour course for our teachers. This training will help the teachers identify and deal with issues concerning student mental health. This training would be held in two, four hour interactive sessions.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the chairperson at 3:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbie Brown, Acting Recorder