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Atlanta SMART Academy

Minutes

ASA Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday October 21, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Directors Present
B. Williams (remote), I. Lee (remote), L. Harden (remote), R. Price (remote), S. Fortson (remote), V. Williams (remote), W. Newman-Johnson (remote)

Directors Absent
A. Bruce, A. Kennedy, S. Scott, Z. Elfenbein

Guests Present
P. Meadows (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

V. Williams called a meeting of the board of directors of Atlanta SMART Academy to order on Monday Oct 21, 2024 at 5:46 PM.
W. Newman-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Called Board Meeting on 09-27-24.
V. Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approve Minutes

W. Newman-Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Retreat on 10-19-24.
V. Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Academic Oversight and Governance Committee

A. Amended Bylaws

Finished the revisions to the amended bylaws:

- Succession Planning
- Formattting
- Gramatical Changes
- Finance Policies
- Officers positions and committees
- Maintaining digital records

Minor updates include the following:

Deposits section:
Deposits going to bank account.

Signing of checks.
All drafts and other orders will be amended shall be signed by the Executive Director, Treasurer or other agent.
Motion to Rosalynne Price.
W. Newman-Johnson seconded the motion.
Lauren
Bishop
Shirlynn
Wanda
Veronica
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

V. Williams	Aye
S. Scott	Absent
I. Lee	Aye
Z. Elfenbein	Absent
R. Price	Aye
S. Fortson	Aye
L. Harden	Aye

Roll Call

W. Newman-Johnson	Aye
A. Bruce	Absent
B. Williams	Aye
A. Kennedy	Absent

B. Removal of Board Member

Reached out to the board member and would remove or disengage the member for the board.
Motion to Rosalynne Moved to Remove Board Member Zach Effenbein.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

I. Lee	Aye
V. Williams	Aye
B. Williams	Aye
S. Fortson	Aye
W. Newman-Johnson	Aye
Z. Elfenbein	Absent
R. Price	Aye
A. Bruce	Absent
L. Harden	Aye
S. Scott	Absent
A. Kennedy	Absent

III. Finance, Facility, Development, and Strategic Partnership Committee

A. Audit Results Overview

Bambo Sonaike
Managing Director
Bambo Sonaike, CPA, LLC

Audit Results Highlights:

Overall Audit indicated a Clean Opinion

The only finding was the any funds over $250,000 have to be collateralized. The finding has been resolved. The ASA charter school has been enrolled into the GA Secure Deposit Program.

Auditor will provide a amended response. Need letter from management:

1. School letterhead
2. Date implmented

3. Responsible party

Once letter received we have enrolled in plan and will attach with audit.

The audit will be amended.

B. Vote: Audit Results

Motion to Wanda Newman-Johnson.
I. Lee seconded the motion.
Audit results will be cleared
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

W. Newman-Johnson	Aye
A. Bruce	Absent
L. Harden	Aye
B. Williams	Aye
S. Fortson	Aye
S. Scott	Absent
R. Price	Aye
V. Williams	Aye
Z. Elfenbein	Absent
A. Kennedy	Absent
I. Lee	Aye

IV. Executive Director Update

A. Highlights:

Year in Review

Student Achievement

- Higher reading proficiency than the local districts in all grade levels
- 8th grade reading proficiency 74% (beats the state)
- 8th grade math proficiency grew 44% developing +74%
- Social studies profiency grew from 52% to 70%

Culture and Climate
Area of focus

- 84% staff retention rate
- 80% student retention rate (not adjusted for mobility)

- 74% parent satisfaction rate (based on one year survey with 30% participation

Student Testimonials

- Letter from one of the matriculated 8th graders

Growth and Expansion

- Serving 215 students
- Nine different of counties
- Hosted over 200 countries
- 400K in philanthropy and community partners
- Other partner (including Learning in Color, AT&T, Atlanta United and Citi Year, Cox, etc.)

Smart Model

- 4 arts pathways
  - Theatre
  - Dance
  - Vocal mustic
  - Visual arts (8th grade)
- Held 4 arts productions

Advanced science and math track

- 9th grade level (22 students in the advanced scienc and math track)

Benchmark scheduled for 1st week of October will be this week

Gala Updates

- Sent save the dates and posted on social media
- Invite 15 people
- Sponsorhips
- Community of the partner of the year
- Community hero of the year
- Honoring a Founding Parent

V. Other Business

A.

Executive Session

Motion to Shirlynn Fortson.
R. Price seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Discussed Patrent Complaint
Discussed Next Steps

Moved to go out of Executive Sessions
Rosalynne Price made motion
Lauren seconded motion

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Announcements:

- Board Retreat 2025
- Mandatory Training Dates Released
- Board Retreat Working Session on October 28
- 1:1 Check Ins will be scheduled

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. Newman-Johnson