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Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences

Minutes

Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting - April 8, 2025

Date and Time
Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Trustees Present
A. Hudson, C. Moore, E. Mortimer, M. Peercy, T. Powell

Trustees Absent
A. Braggs, C. Lindsey, R. Wilson, W. Wortham

Ex Officio Members Present
L. Smith

Guests Present
A. Dumas

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

E. Mortimer called a meeting of the board of trustees of Tulsa School of Arts And Sciences to order on Tuesday Apr 8, 2025 at 5:32 PM.

C.

Approve Minutes

M. Peercy made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting - March 11, 2025 on 03-11-25.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Reports

A. Head of School's Report

Dr. Smith- I had a meeting with the other charter leaders and the TPS chiefs and there were some positive outcomes of that meeting. It is clear that TPS has heard some of the concerns. They have agreed to retain the building maintenance component for all charter schools next year. We pay them just under $16,000.00 for maintenance a year. They are waiving the maintenance fee for all charter schools. Given what we know now, that leaves us with a estimated savings of just under $16,000.00 for all of the services under transition. In two weeks, the TPS chiefs will be visiting TSAS on April 23rd to discuss how they can partner with us. They have committed to having onsite conversations with all charter schools to get a better understanding and discuss how partnering can be improved.
We are still in pursuit of custodial, child nutrition programs and groundskeeping services. We are hoping to have final decisions in May or June.
We will have the second half of our accreditation visit tomorrow, April 9th. I am still working to get our attorney retainer finalized.
Dr. Mortimer and I met with the Friends of TSAS foundation. The current president, Scott Grizzle, will be transitioning from leadership as his son will be graduating this year. Jochen Talmon will be stepping into that leadership role next year. The foundation will be focused on two events next year and will be working to develop donors and grant writing. Daniel Sharples has been the primary contact with the foundation and, starting now, I will become the primary lead, while Daniel will work to build a brand new PTA that we desperately need. I am hoping that there will be a representative from the foundation at each board meeting to better help with sharing information.
An amicus brief has been filed on behalf of a number of charter organizations. The National Alliance of Public Charter Schools worked to file this brief. The brief specifically states that charter schools are public schools. We will be closely watching the outcome of that SCOTUS case.

B. Principal's Report

Dr. Hahn gave a brief description of his class observations and is thinking of more ways in which he could support teachers. He spoke of pursuing teacher preferences on different electives both the teachers and students are interested in. Students' selections of elective classes are being used to build the schedule based on student requests, and

the goal is to have the schedule done before the end of the school year. ACT testing started this week along with state testing. Teacher interviews have also rolled out this week.

C. Faculty Council's Report

Dr. Hahn- The faculty council has nothing new to report.

III. Finance

A. March Financials

Mickey Peercy detailed the financials, announcing the ending net assets are in the positive now, following the transfer of the Redbud funds. So far this year, our revenue over under expenses were at $300,000 net income. Really that number should be around $400,000.00 and things look more stable this year as opposed to the last couple of years. Dr. Smith outlined funds received. Title I, Title I.A and Title IV are starting to come in with Title I at 50% and we expect the other half by the end of the year. Title IV we received 100%. There was an issue with our March payroll. Our payroll accountant attempted to cancel payroll submitted as she needed to make amendments due to insurance changes. That left the submission with errors halting pay. Ashanti reached out to the bank and made arrangements to have the submission expedited and was told that we could incur a fee up to $350. Submission was expedited and all staff were paid by 2pm on payday March 28th.

B. Approval of General Fund Purchase Orders, #135-136

T. Powell made a motion to approve the general fund purchase orders #135-136.
A. Hudson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Activity Fund Purchase Orders, #39-43

T. Powell made a motion to approve activity fund purchase orders #39-43.
A. Hudson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Vendor Contract & Financial Planning

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to renew the contract for Clearwater Enterprises for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. Moore made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 contract for Clearwater Enterprises.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
Dr. Smith, there are no changes, this is a simple renewal of the contract retaining the $3.40 price rate through September of this year.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Policy, Procedure and Oversight

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

C. Moore made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Executive Session

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve convening into Executive Session as authorized by Title 25 O. S. (2001) Section 307. B 1 and 7

M. Peercy made a motion to convene into Executive Session.
C. Moore seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VII. Reconvene into Open Session

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve reconvening to Open Session.

M. Peercy made a motion to reconvene into Open Session.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VIII. Board Membership & Personnel Contract Renewals

A. Discussion, consideration and vote to accept the resignations of Board Members, Mr. Chip Lindsey and Dr. Renee Wilson.

C. Moore made a motion to accept the resignations of Mr. Chip Lindsey and Dr. Renee Wilson.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the 2025-2026 contract for Dr. Liesa Smith, Head of School.

M. Peercy made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 contract for Dr. Liesa Smith as Head of School.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C.

Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the contracts for the Leadership Team.

T. Powell made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 contracts for the Leadership Team.
E. Mortimer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. **Discussion, consideration and vote to approve or not approve the 2025-2026 contracts for faculty and staff.**

E. Mortimer made a motion to approve the 2025–2026 contracts for faculty and staff.
T. Powell seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IX. Governance

A. **Discussion, nomination and vote to elect an interim Board Clerk for the duration of the 2024-2025 school year.**

T. Powell made a motion to elect Angela Hudson as Interim Board Clerk for the duration of the school year.
M. Peercy seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

X. Closing Items

A. **Adjourn Meeting**

C. Moore made a motion to adjourn.
A. Hudson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Dumas

Documents used during the meeting

- April 8, 2025 Tulsa School of Arts and Sciences - BOT Agenda.pdf
- 2025_03_11_board_meeting_minutes (1).pdf
- payroll corrected on 4.2.25.pdf
- FY25 APRIL CC SPREADSHEET - Google Sheets.pdf
- Clearwater Proposal Sy25.pdf

• DRAFT Calendar 2025-2026 - Calendar (1).pdf

The TSAS Board of Trustees Agenda for March 11, 2025 will be posted on Friday, April 4, 2025 by 3:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Ashanti Dumas, Minutes Clerk.

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