

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

AUGUST 14, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:30pm, Mike Thomas called the August 14, 2017 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

1.) Board Members present: Mike Thomas, Kelly Drake, Mike Wallace

2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Tyler Nobles, Chris Kjeldsen, Teddy Joe, Aiden Joe, Vanessa Kjeldsen, Amy Kwalwasser

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Kjeldsen stated that he is a parent of a new junior, Vanessa Kjeldsen, and made the decision to transfer to CSA after a lot of thought and research. He added that the family had a good understanding of the school's grading system & course load and was excited about his daughter receiving mentoring from an amazing speech coach, Mr. Frank Rivera. He added that the family was not notified about the change to the GPA policy, which directly affects his daughter. Additionally, he stated that the family's mental & emotional well-being has been discounted due to the change. He stated that he understood that there has been an effort toward fairness with changes over summer, but that his calculations with the new GPA policy put his daughter at a disadvantage. He stated that his family is mortified, a little bit terrified and formally protests these changes until more dialogue and discussion about the changes can occur. He asked the board about the location of recent minutes from previous board meetings that are not posted on the website. Moreover, he stated that he has a meeting with Kris Barnett later during the week, where he hopes he can get some answers.

Teddy Joe stated that he has a son entering 3rd grade for the 2017-18 school year and would like to request that the school have a policy change to exclude food during in-classroom celebrations due to safety concerns with students who may have food allergies.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) There were no minutes to approve.

B.) Marsh Hagin announced that the current enrollment was at 412 students for the 2017-18 school year, with numerous students on the waitlist.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that the school currently had \$357,735.65 in its checking account, with \$285,301.79 in its savings account.

D.) *Kelly Drake moved to approve the following budget amendments: increase income by \$5,500, increase function 11 by \$34,000, decrease function 13 by \$11,000, increase function 36 by \$13,000, increase function 41 by \$15,000, decrease function 51 by \$5,430. Mike Thomas followed with a second motion for approval. There were three votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the budget amendments were approved.*

E.) There were no field trips to announce.

F.) & G.) At 7:00 pm, according to TAC §551.074 & §551.0821, the governing board moved to executive session to discuss matters related to personnel and to personally identifiable information regarding a public school student. The board moved back into open session at 7:24pm.

H.) Kelly Drake announced that he has submitted his official retirement resignation from being the superintendent, effective August 31, 2017.

I.) Mike Wallace approved Marsha Hagin as the interim superintendent, effective August 31, 2017, followed by a second motion from Kelly Drake. There were three votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and Marsha Hagin was approved as the interim superintendent.

J.) Marsha Hagin announced the school's preliminary FIRST score, which had perfect marks in all categories.

K.) Tyler Nobles stated that the insurance for school has been procured with Kelly Drake signing off on all forms.

L.) Mike Wallace moved to approve and recognize Williamson County 4-H as a CSA extracurricular activity, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were three votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed as stated.

M.) Mike Thomas moved to approve the 2017-18 annual budget, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were three votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the 2017-18 annual budget was approved.

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:53pm