

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

JULY 10, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:30pm, Mike Thomas called the July 10, 2017 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

- 1.) Board Members present: Mike Thomas, Kelly Drake, Mike Wallace, Ryan Palm
- 2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Tyler Nobles, Jennifer Benavides,

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tyler Nobles announced that the school put out a call for various insurance packages and handed out the different ones collected. The board provided feedback for moving forward with the packages.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) There were no minutes to approve.

B.) Marsh Hagin announced that the current enrollment was at 419 students for the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that the school currently had \$311,612.78 in its checking account, with \$285,294.52 in its savings account.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) There were no field trips to announce.

F.) & G.) At 6:49 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 7:12pm.

H.) Howard Davis stated that with the increase in the number of students and replacing old computers, a purchase of new technology was needed. Howard Davis handed out a proposal that included new desktops for one of the computers labs, cases that need to be replaced and additional Chromebooks to cover the student increase. Mike Wallace asked if this expense would go under the 2016-17 budget, to which Tyler Nobles responded that there are enough funds to cover the cost. *Mike Wallace moved to approve the technology expense proposal, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the proposal was approved.*

I.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the 2018-19 Re-Enrollment period for January 16-18, 2018, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the Re-Enrollment period was approved.*

J.) *Mike Wallace moved to approve the 2018-19 Open Enrollment period for January 22, 2018 – February 8, 2017, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the Open Enrollment period was approved.*

K.) *Mike Wallace moved to approve the 2018-19 annual Open Enrollment lottery for February 9, 2018, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the annual Open Enrollment lottery date was approved.*

L.) Marsha Hagin handed out the results summary from 2017 STAAR testing, along with a year-to-year comparison. Mike Thomas noted that there were no red flags and complimented the staff on a great job.

M.) Marsha Hagin announced two new hires for approval: Sara Delaram will replace Chris Dayton and Andrea Mates will teach Computer Science I & conduct accelerated instruction for a total of 4 periods a day. *Mike Thomas moved to approve the two new hires, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the new hires were approved.*

N.) Marsha Hagin demonstrated the Barracuda defense system that would allow for faculty members to lock classroom doors from the inside. She added that the fire marshal stated the system would not violate any codes. *Ryan Palm moved to approve the purchase of the Barracuda defense system, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the purchase was approved.*

O.) Kelly Drake announced that he has submitted his official retirement from being the superintendent, effective August 31, 2017. Furthermore, Kelly Drake stated that he would be stepping down as a board member and as CEO of Chaparral Star Academy.

P.) Tyler Nobles stated that the purchase of new textbooks for the 2017-18 school year would need to fall under the current 2016-17 school year budget. Tyler Nobles added that the state will reimburse most, if not all, of the purchase at a later date. *Mike Thomas moved to approve the purchase of textbooks as presented, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the textbook purchase proposal was approved.*

Q.) & R.) Tyler Nobles submitted a proposal for purchasing new furniture for the school (e.g. desks) to cover the increase in enrollment & staff along with various classroom materials necessary for the start of the 2017-18 school year. *Mike Wallace approved the purchase, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the purchase was approved.*

S.) Tyler Nobles handed out a preliminary budget for the 2017-18 school year to passed at the subsequent board meeting. Mike Thomas requested the budget be presented in a side-by-side format so that the board could see the differences between the years.

T.) Administration presented a proposal to change the current GPA policy to balance an advantage for transfer students who had the opportunity to take PreAP courses during his/her freshman & sophomore year at other schools (as they carry higher-weighted GPA points) given that non-transfer students at CSA did not have the same opportunity. Kelly Drake asked if numbers had been run to determine possible outcomes, to which Kris Barnett stated no. ***Ryan Palm moved to approve the GPA change proposal effectively immediately with the current rising sophomore class, followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the changes to the GPA policy were approved.***

U.) Marsha Hagin handed out a chart of AP scores for the 2016-17 school year, including charts from the previous school year and a description of the range of scores nationally.

V.) Marsha Hagin announced the stipends that AP teachers would receive as a result of the 2016-17 AP scores.

W.) Marsha Hagin announced the reimbursements students would receive as a result of the 2016-17 AP scores.

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:07pm