

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

NOVEMBER 9, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:31pm, Mike Thomas called the November 9, 2015 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

- 1.) Board Members present: Mike Wallace, Ryan Palm, Mike Thomas, Carolyn Isbell, Kelly Drake
- 2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Tyler Nobles, Laura Smith, Jeff Shafer, Frank Rivera, Howard Davis

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) *Ryan Palm moved to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2015 board meeting, followed by a second motion from Mike Wallace. There were four votes in favor passed with no abstentions. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.*

B.) Marsha Hagin stated that the current enrollment was at 362 students, with a total ADA over all 4 tracks at 96.62%, corresponding to 358.52 students for the period of 10/1 - 10/30.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that there was \$377,176.85 in the school's checking account with \$285,144.72 in its savings account.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) Marsha Hagin announced the following upcoming field trips: 6th graders will visit Chinatown Market.

F.) At 6:33pm, according to TAC §551.0821, the governing board moved to executive session to discuss matters related to personally identifiable information regarding a public school student. The board moved back into open session at 7:05pm.

G.) Kelly Drake held a public forum and announced Chaparral Star Academy's FIRST rating as substandard because the paperwork was submitted after the deadline.

H.) Kelly Drake stated that he contacted Wells Fargo to determine more information about depository funds, but received little direction from the bank. Mike Wallace stated that he would investigate more and follow up with the issue.

I.) Marsha Hagin stated that the timeframe between receiving bills and respective due dates can be minimal and requested on-campus signature authority for accounts payable in addition to Kelly Drake and Trish Edwards, whose offices are off-campus. Mike Thomas asked if it was a symptom

of not getting the bill or getting it in too late, stating that most accounts payable give a month's notice.

J.) & K.) Laura Smith delivered a presentation on Nearpod and Turnitin.com, stating the benefits of each and requested associated funds. Ryan Palm asked about turn-around time for grading essays to determine if the purchase would help ELA teachers. Mike Thomas asked for clarification as to the need of either program (essay grading, plagiarism, supplemental teaching, etc.). Mike Wallace stated that administration should collect feedback and report back to the board.

L.) Marsha Hagin and Kris Barnett announced that 98% of the courses at Chaparral Star Academy as of September 2015 were taught by teachers who were highly qualified.

M.) Marsha Hagin stated that she has had numerous conversations with people at TEA, the Charter School division, ESC13 and the State of Texas including Yolanda Walker, Arnold Alleneese, and representative Ken King to determine the potential impact of HB 2610 which re-defined school days in terms of minutes. She announced that currently, the state would not issue pardons and CSA could possibly need to change its model to be in compliance.

N.) Howard Davis gave a presentation on the update of technology, specifically with the use of the current tablets. The board instructed Howard to determine if current tablets could be returned for other, more reliable technology.

O.) Marsha Hagin announced that construction on the crack in the back of the school has been completed and numerous door cores will be replaced soon.

P.) Tyler Nobles requested that the board approve an amended budget broken out by function and object codes. Kelly Drake stated that the monthly reports already include information divided by function & object codes once the budget has been entered into the system.

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Mike Thomas adjourned the meeting at 8:22pm.