

CHAPARRAL STAR ACADEMY GOVERNING BOARD

OCTOBER 12, 2015 MEETING MINUTES

I.) COMMENCEMENT

A.) At 6:32pm, Mike Thomas called the October 12, 2015 Chaparral Star Academy Board Meeting to order.

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

2.) Attendees were: Marsha Hagin, Kris Barnett, Mana Greenwell, Laura Smith, April Brinson, Christy Nunnally, Mike Zawaideh, Howard Davis

II.) GENERAL/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Zawaideh stated that he had concerns about introducing the tablets at such a young age (grade 3). He requested that the board reconsider the decision and open up discussion again regarding the introduction of the tablets.

Jeff Shafer stated that, as a teacher, he felt that the introduction is at a great age as his current 5th grade students are having fewer issues than last year due to the comfortability of using the tablets for a year. He added that students are enjoying using them and this is the dialogue between he and his students has increased as a result of the tablets.

III.) ACTION ITEMS

A.) *Mike Wallace moved to approve the minutes from the August 5, 2015, August 17, 2015 and September 10, 2015 meetings, followed by a second motion from Ryan Palm. 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 359 students, with a total ADA over all 4 tracks at 96.85%, corresponding to 337.64 students for the period of August 25th – October 2nd, 2015.

C.) Kelly Drake announced that there was \$371,138.92 in the school's checking account with \$285,137.69 in its savings account.

D.) There were no budget amendments to approve.

E.) Marsha Hagin announced the following upcoming field trips: 5th graders are visiting Pioneer Farms on October 9th, 6th graders are visiting the Chinatown Market on November 13th and 7th graders are visiting Enchanted Rock on October 16th.

F.) At 6:45pm, 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 7:13pm.

G.) Marsha Hagin stated that Mr. Nobles researched legality surrounding retention of records and proposed a record retention policy. *Ryan Palm moved to approve the record retention policy,*

followed by a second motion from Mike Thomas. There were four votes in favor with no abstentions. The motion passed and the record retention policy was adopted.

H.) Howard Davis stated that Dyezz had installed the school's current intercom & surveillance system. He stated that some more cameras needed to be installed, along with an additional intercom. The board stated that no approval was needed as this fit within the already-approved discretionary funds.

I.) The board stated that no approval of funds for campus security cameras was needed as this fit within the already-approved discretionary funds.

J.) Kelly Drake stated that the district's FIRST rating was substandard because the audit was submitted late. Furthermore, he added that the late submittal was the only negative mark affecting the rating. He added that he has filed an appeal, but hasn't heard anything from TEA.

K.) Mike Wallace stated that module 10 was recently released that contained directives for boards when it comes to finances and suggested the board read over it to ensure policy is being followed. The board requested a detailed comparison of expenditures and encumbrances to the budget at every meeting.

L.) The action item for approval of depository requirements of public funds was tabled until next meeting.

M.) April Brinson stated that she was concerned that current law stated that a faculty member who has a concealed handgun license is legally prohibited from bringing a handgun on campus as all schools are currently gun-free zones. She proposed that the governing board pass a policy to allow for faculty members who have a concealed handgun license to be able to carry on campus should he/she desire to do so. Ryan Palm stated that he follows current handgun legislation very closely and spoke about numerous aspects the board should consider before passing a policy. Mike Thomas suggested that April Brinson form a group of community members (teachers, staff & parents) to research the issue and develop a policy to bring to the board for approval.

IV.) ADJOURN

A.) Kelly Drake adjourned the meeting at 8:11pm.