

Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy: CFA

**Board Meeting**

**06MAR18**

**Location:** Upper Campus, Leitner Auditorium

**Present:** Paul Foley, Steve Herndon, Nick Longerbeam, Ray Maxwell, Elizabeth Sabolovic, Donna Trimble, Andy Francis, & Tony Robbins.

**Others Present:** Joe Maimone, Headmaster; Gary Blake, upper campus principal; and Jeff Ziegler, academic dean.

**Absent:** Sally Harbin, Jerald DeLaGarza, and Jason Cole

**Opening:**

The meeting opened at 5:46pm.

Pledge

Moment of silence

**Public Comment:** None

**Chairman's Moment:**

Ray Maxwell thanked everyone for their work and reminded everyone that we are valuable to our community.

**Minutes (att. 1):**

The February board meeting minutes were presented. Andy Francis made the motion to accept the minutes and Elizabeth Sabolovic seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report (att. 2a-d):**

Paul Foley noted the finance committee had met earlier in the day. Paul Foley made the following motions:

1. Recommends approval of the budget through January 31, 2018. Andy Francis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Recommends the Board retain Acadia for 2 years under new terms. Andy Francis seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The school administration is reviewing the 401k program and it will make recommendations to the finance committee in April.

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## **Continuing Business:**

### **Team CFA Update:**

Paul Foley noted that CFA will continue to support member schools through observations of teachers, helping with NWEA data to improve scores, and providing board training. He also noted that network of schools continues to expand.

### **FORUM Report (att. 3):**

Elizabeth Sabolovic noted that the Forum had met. The Teacher Appreciation Luncheons were great. The Forum wants to start a garden club for the beautification of both campuses. The March Dine-out night will be March 20<sup>th</sup> at the McDonald's in Boiling Springs. Elizabeth recognized Kathy Demas for her hard work in organizing the Dine-out nights. She noted the Forum will continue to support the Burgundy and Gold Scholarship.

### **Director's Report (att. 4a, b):**

Joe Maimone noted that the Burgundy and Gold Committee had great results for its February fundraiser. Eight students will receive scholarships totaling \$28,000. March 15 is the application deadline. As of today TJCA has received 268 new applications. The lottery will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 26. July 15-17 is the Charter School Conference, so please encourage teachers to attend. He noted that TJCA will apply for grants from the Calder Foundation and the Timpkin Foundation for both STEM programs in the new HS building and for capital needs. As required by the USDA, the community presentation of the 2020 Vision plan will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 23, at the upper campus. Everyone is invited to come and then stay for the drama production at 7 p.m.

Gary Blake stated that the stadium bleachers had been completed. He noted that both the TJCA 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade academic teams won the county competition. The Junior Beta club won the following awards at Greensboro: Melia Jones-1<sup>st</sup> place 8<sup>th</sup> grade language; Lawson Taylor-1<sup>st</sup> place 6<sup>th</sup> grade math; Katrina Schauf-3<sup>rd</sup> place 7<sup>th</sup> grade science; Hunter Plaster-3<sup>rd</sup> place 6<sup>th</sup> social studies; Matilda Ziegler-3<sup>rd</sup> place 7<sup>th</sup> grade social studies; Robotics team-3<sup>rd</sup> place; Caterina Fiore-2<sup>nd</sup> place visual arts; and Kennedy Ruff-premier performance performing arts.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Executive Report (att. 5a):**

Did not meet.

### **Community Relations (att. 5b-c):**

Did not meet.

### **Curriculum:**

Did not meet.

### **Facilities:**

Andy Francis noted that the facilities committee had met. School safety was the main focus. He noted that Officer Hernandez asks everyone to be vigilant. The grammar school is exploring the option of installing a barrier between the secretary and the public. The grammar school is also looking at bids to

replace the current glass doors with shatter proof doors. Quotes for covering the outside cooking area at the concession stand has been turned into Mr. Blake. The committee is also awaiting quotes to fix the speakers at the stadium. The outside lights at the grammar school are being replaced. Also, the maintenance department is waiting on the glass beads to paint the safety zones at the grammar school.

#### **Fundraising:**

Tony Robbins noted the fundraising committee had not met. He asked that the entire board support the capital campaign. There is no set amount to be given by board members. Paul Foley made the motion that the board support the capital campaign and Andy Francis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Legal Affairs:**

Elizabeth Sabolovic noted that the legal affairs committee had completed its review of the bylaws and the draft had been sent to our attorney

#### **Personnel/Policy (att. 6):**

Ray Maxwell noted that the Personnel/Policy committee had met. He made the motion to creating a grounds/maintenance director. Andy Francis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Ad hoc Vision:**

Paul Foley noted that the vision committee had met. He noted that representatives from the USDA had toured both campuses. We expect a decision by mid-April. Mr. Maimone is exploring options for construction financing with several banks.

#### **Continuing Business:**

#### **Upcoming meetings:**

Ray Maxwell made the motion to move the April meeting to April 11<sup>th</sup>. Andy Francis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

May 1 and June 5 in Leitner Auditorium

Reminder that the Charter Renewal site visit will be April 11, 2018.

No news on the transportation grant.

#### **New Business:**

Lottery will be March 26, 2018 at 4:30 in Leitner Auditorium.

Required public meeting for USDA loan will be Friday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm. There is a drama production at 7:00 pm.

Ray Maxwell presented a resolution for the board to support the Rutherford County Education Referendum. Andy Francis made the motion to adopt the resolution and it was seconded by Steve Herndon. Motion passed unanimously.

Steve Herndon stated that TJCA would not be here without the county. We support education of students no matter where it takes place.

Andy Francis noted that this is a win all the way around

Ray Maxwell stated that we must be supportive of all education in the county.

There was some discussion about tightened security measures on the upper campus. The school has applied for a DPI security grant.

Andy Francis made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Herndon seconded. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:44PM.

