

## THOMAS ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2022

3:00 pm

via Zoom

### Call to Order

Chairman Owen Robinson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Sharon Connor called the roll. A quorum was present. Members attending via Zoom were, Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt, Julie Wolfe, Woody Weddington, Patricia Medlin, and Dr. Len Holmes. Board member Christy Hopkins was absent. Staff in attendance were, Interim President Ray Cockrell, Principal Cathy Gantz, CFO Daniel Nolan and Sharon Connor, Executive Office Administrator.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Reading of the Mission and Vision Statement

Members read aloud the TA Mission and Vision statement.

### Consider and Approve Current Agenda

Julie Wolfe made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Second Dave Wyatt. Motion carried.

### Consider and Approve Minutes from Last Month

Julie Wolfe made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second Dave Wyatt. Motion carried.

### Public Comments

Chairman Robinson opened the floor to the public for comments and feedback. There were none.

### Director of Education/Principal Report – Cathy Gantz

- Student enrollment 74; Community students 57 and residential students 17.
- Students Activities:
  - Basketball games have started and a schedule is attached.
  - Cheerleading continues
  - Eagle Bucks are going out
  - Save the date: ROTC Drill, Myrtle Beach, SC – Saturday, January 14, 2023
- Staff Development
  - RTI visit in October provided professional development on quality instruction. Beginning in November they will provide SEL training.
  - Professional Development on Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) and Art Social Emotional Learning (SEL) was provided on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - TA Principal participated in ACCESS Fellowship Institute for Purposeful Leadership through DPI in Raleigh and attended a session on October 19<sup>th</sup>. These sessions occur monthly in Raleigh through April 2023.

- Academic Report
  - Principal Gantz will attend IPG conference in Greenville
  - Charter renewal updates:
    - TA to interview with the Charter School Advisory Board on December 5-6, 2022 in Raleigh. Recommended that a majority of the Board also attend. Owen Robinson and Ray Cockrell will attend.
    - January – March 2023 CSAB will make recommendations to the State Board of Education. SBE will vote on final renewal terms.
    - April 2023 – Office of Charter Schools (OCS) will send schools their new Charter Agreements to be signed by the Board Chair, notarized and mailed back.
    - May 2023 – OCS will take the signed and notarized Charter Agreements to the State Superintendent for final signature.
    - June 2023 – Schools will receive a digital copy of the Final Charter Agreement
    - July 2023 – New Charter Agreements begin
    - In the process of preparing a Powerpoint to be sent in advance.
- Success Stories
  - TA students completed BGHNC Christmas Card competition. Kelise Lewis – 1<sup>st</sup> place; Tiye Scott – 2<sup>nd</sup> place; 3<sup>rd</sup> place Serenity White. First place winner received \$100; 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner received \$75 and third place winner received \$50. First place winner will be used for the BGHNC Christmas card.
  - TA's Innovative Partnership Grant – October 2022 reports shows TA's goals are mostly complete or in progress.
  - Twenty percent of TA parents attended the Fall Parent Night on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
  - The Fall IPG visit took place on October 27<sup>th</sup>. TA's IPG Budget expenditures were reviewed. When the final report is received it will be shared with Board members.
  - TA participated in "Halloween Safe Night" on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the BGHNC Farm.
  - TA 20-day tracker showed an increased in In-School Suspension and Out-of-School Suspension. This prompted MTSS Team in making adjustments to the current PBIS system. Reports will be sent out to Board members.
- Upcoming Events
  - TA School Improvement Meeting – November 14<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:45 pm
  - Raleigh Triangle International (RTI) Professional Development – November 8<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
  - SEL training – November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - Principal Gantz will attend monthly session on purposeful leadership – November 10<sup>th</sup>. Topic: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Effective School Leadership.
  - Backpack for Buddies is in progress
  - Monthly fire drills taking place as well as other necessary drills.
  - Will include TA Board members in TA's Google Calendar of Events.

### **Recommendations/Action Items**

Dr. Gantz reported there were no recommendations or action items at this time.

### **Financial Report – Daniel Nolan, CFO**

Mr. Nolan reviewed the Financial Reports from Acadia NorthStar noting he would send the BGHNC Income Statement at a later date. (*Financials attached*).

#### **Public Adjournment**

Patricia Medlin made a motion to adjourn the public portion of the meeting and go into Executive Session. Second Julie Wolfe. The public meeting adjourned at 3:41.

#### **Executive Session**

Interim President Ray Cockrell made members aware of a situation on campus between students and a particular teacher. Following discussion, it was noted the issues are being addressed.

#### **Board Adjournment**

With no other business to discuss, Patricia Medlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second Dave Wyatt. The meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.