

THOMAS ACADEMY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2022

3:00 pm – Zoom

1st Public Meeting

Call to Order

Chairman Owen Robinson called the meeting to order.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Sharon Connor called the roll. A quorum was present. Members attending by zoom were, Owen Robinson, Dave Wyatt, Rudy Tatum, Woody Weddington, Julie Wolfe, Christy Hopkins and Patricia Medlin. BGH Staff in attendance were President/CEO Ricky Creech, Principal Cathy Gantz, CFO Daniel Nolan and Sharon Connor, Executive Office Administrator. Board member Dr. Leonard Holmes was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Owen Robinson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Reading of the Mission and Vision Statement

Chairperson Owen Robinson read aloud the TA Mission and Vision statement.

Consider and Approve Current Agenda

Pat Medlin made a motion to adopt the agenda. Second Dave Wyatt. Motion adopted.

Consider and Approve Minutes from Last Month

Julie Wolfe made a motion to approve the January 11th minutes. Second Rudy Tatum. Motion approved.

Public Comments

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

Director of Education/Principal Report – Cathy Gantz

- Student enrollment is 112 (27 residential, 85 community).
- Basketball Game tonight with the requirement of wearing masks.
- National School Counseling Week is February 7-11. Will spotlight School Counselor Sherry Kennedy and the job she is doing.
- Had a faculty meeting on Monday, February 7th. Discussed housekeeping with teachers, and teachers name will be on their door to help to get to know them.
- Safety drills – fire drill will take place on February 24th at 9 am. Will have announced and unannounced drills.
- Preparing a month at a glance calendar to add different activities going on at TA.
- Preparing a walk-through template to use for feedback with teachers and students.
- Formal observations will be conducted on teachers (2x per teacher).

Principal Gantz's report was interrupted by hackers to the zoom meeting, vulgar comments, threatening remarks, and obscenities were shown while Principal Gantz was giving her report. The zoom meeting was shutdown.

Sharon Connor sent out a new zoom link to Board members only, and the meeting resumed with members Dave Wyatt, Christy Hopkins, Owen Robinson, Rudy Tatum, Woody Weddington and Patricia Medlin participating.

President Creech noted that future meetings will take place through Go To Meeting. Members will be sent information concerning the change.

Financial Report – Daniel Nolan, Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Nolan reviewed Thomas Academy financial graphs, and the Thomas Academy Budget Report from AcadiaNorthstar for January in detail. Mr. Nolan stated he is working on grant amendments. *(Reports are attached).*

Mr. Nolan stated he did not have the BGHNC Financials at this time due to his finance staff being out with Covid. He noted he would email the financials to members when they were completed.

Recommendations/Action Items

There were no recommendations or action items at this time.

Mr. Nolan followed up that Thomas Academy has started the Backpack Buddy Program. Principal Gantz noted the response has been positive and the number of families being served has increased to eight.

Principal Gantz noted she is still waiting to hear from Campbell Soup on their soup donation, and when it can be picked up.

Public Adjournment

The public portion of the meeting was adjourned following a motion by Dave Wyatt and second by Christy Hopkins.

Executive Closed Session

Chairperson Robinson stated there was no further business to discuss during the executive session. A detailed Financial Report will be given during the Executive Session in future meetings.

President Creech noted he would be contacting law enforcement following the meeting to review the recording from the meeting with the possibility of charges being filed against the hackers.

Board Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rudy Tatum, second Dave Wyatt. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022.