



PALM BEACH
SCHOOL for AUTISM

**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
August 4, 2014**

Present:

Randee Gabriel - President
Dawn D'Amato – Vice President
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director
Louisa Legato – Business Director
Russ Feldman- Board Member
Jerry Zel – Board Member
Myra Mahoney – Board Member
Steve Carroll – Board Member
Juliet Bliss – Principal
Olive Balbosa – Principal Elementary
Nick Miles – Principal High School

Excused

Ruth Menor – Treasure
Abby Girton – Director of Marketing and Development

Call to Order:

Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 3:10pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed minutes from the June 2, 2014 board meeting, one change was made. Dawn D'Amato made a motion to approve the minutes. Myra Mahoney seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

Executive Directors Report – Ann Levene-Eisenberg

- Reviewed the Standard Policy and Procedure Manual.
- Steve Carroll made a motion to accept the manual. It was seconded by Myra Mahoney. All were in favor.
- Ann discussed the situation with our transportation. The district overpaid our parent transportation refund by almost \$60,000.00. We had to repay this money back to the district. There will be no more transportation refunds to the parents from the state.
- Steve Carroll made a motion to take no further action on this issue with the district. Jerry Zel seconded the motion. All in favor.
- In the past the school district allowed students who came from our preschool and graduated to our elementary to continue to have transportation. Although the district only is contracted to transport preschool. We were informed in July that only preschool will be transported. However: we have 7 students who have bus requirements on their IEP's which will require us to hire a bus service to transport

- these children. The estimated cost for this transport payable by the school will be \$95,000.00 for this service.
- We have contracted a bus company that will provide this service.
 - Steve Carroll made a motion for Ann to sign a contract with Need-A-Bus with amendment of an out clause. Dawn D'Amato seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - District made an error on payment from Classroom Reduction and took back \$167,300.00 from the school. Our accountant provided a hardship letter to District and this money will be returned to the school over the next 11 months.

Business Manager – Louisa Legato

- Reviewed budget and answered questions.

Misc.

- Next year board meeting date: Board meeting will be at 4:00pm
- Sept. 22, 2014
- December 8, 2014
- March 9, 2015
- May 18, 2015

Next Meeting:

- September 22, 2014

Adjournment:

- Jerry Zel made a motion to adjourn. Steve Carroll seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm

Respectfully submitted:
Linda Fischer