

# Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc. Board of Directors Meeting July 9, 2018

**Present:** Randee Gabriel – President

Dawn D'Amato - Vice President

Jerry Zel - Board Member

June Aversano – Board Member Steve Carroll – Board Member

Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director

Louisa Legato - Business Director

Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education and Behavioral Services

**Excused:** Ruth Menor - Treasurer

Russ Feldman - Board Member

**<u>Call to Order:</u>** Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:12pm

### **Board of Directors Approvals:**

➤ Board members reviewed minutes from the May 21, 2018 board meeting. Dawn D'Amato made a motion to approve the minutes, June Aversano seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

#### **Executive Directors Report - Ann Levene-Eisenberg:**

- ➤ It was stated the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Safety Act is now a law. We have taken extra precautions: added intercom to front door; and adding extra blockade to front, to avoid someone driving through front door. Our Safe Schools Assessment Report was presented to the Board for approval. Jerry Zell made a motion to approve, June Aversano seconded the motion. All board member voted in favor.
- ➤ It was stated there is a Mental Health Assessment Report needed for submittal to the District. Because of the timing, this was tabled until a later date when proper attention can be made this report, but is being worked on.
- ➤ It was stated we would be receiving a one-time \$17,000 payment from the State to help offset the cost of an onsite officer; however, we would not be getting annually. It was stated they would be onsite for the 200 days we are in session (when kids are present).
- ➤ Reviews were made from the three agencies that were contacted that met the perimeters of the law: had to be retired police officer, have law enforcement certification; and be armed. Two companies were selected to interview for hire. Ann will work with Steve Carroll to interview these companies and make a selection.

- ➤ It was stated we received a \$30,000 grant to purchase an activity van to transport students. It is a 10-passenger multipurpose passenger vehicle (MPV).
- ➤ It was stated a new attendance policy needs to be put into place. It was stated that we are installing a biometric fingerprint system. Changes were reviewed, highlights were indicated and it was asked if approval could be made. Steve Carroll made a motion to approve the new attendance policy, Dawn D'Amato seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor.

### **Other Miscellaneous Announcements**

> It was stated future board meeting dates would be sent via email.

# **Future Meetings:**

➤ TBD

# **Adjournment:**

> Steve Carroll made a motion to adjourn, June Aversano seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:53pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sherri Gallagher

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