



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.  
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom  
March 8, 2021**

**Present:**

Randee Gabriel – President  
Dawn D'Amato – Vice President  
Russ Feldman- Board Member  
Steve Carroll – Treasurer  
Jerry Zel - Board Member  
June Aversano – Board Member  
Damien Hunte – Board Member  
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director  
Louisa Legato – Business Director  
Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education and Behavioral Services

**Call to Order:** Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:07pm

**Board of Directors Approvals:**

- Board members reviewed the minutes from the December 7, 2020 Board Meeting. Jerry Zel made a motion to approve the minutes, Dawn D'Amato seconded and all board members voted in favor.

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

- It was stated there was an incident with a student eloping from their car on Lantana Road. Due to the dangers of the speeding cars on Lantana Road, it was talked about getting a flashing light “school zone” in front of the school. A called was placed to the County Commissioners to find out what the process was to make this happen.
- It was stated Project Next students are getting ready to go back out into the workforce. The Hyatt is ready to get the students back, they are short staffed and are so happy to have us back.
- It was stated our ESE Director moved out of the area, so the ESE Coordinator was promoted to the Director position. A new ESE Coordinator was hired and scheduled to start in mid-April.
- It was stated our psychologist for evaluation testing for our students is retiring after 30 years; however, a new individual, who is bilingual, has been hired.
- It was stated discussions with the landlord have begun with regard to purchasing the land/building and a special board meeting would be scheduled to communicate the next steps.
- It was stated our job training program has evolved into creating another in-house training program, this expanded program is named Exit8480.com. We are working with a graphic designer on the logo, brand identity, etc. and 100% of the profits will go back into the program empowering individuals with Autism.
- It was stated community organizations are continuing to raise money for our school.
- It was stated we already have a waiting list for the Fall. It is expected to have close to 400 students for Fall enrollment.
- It was stated this year's graduation would host the 2021 and the 2020 students because the 2020 didn't get to participate last year due to COVID. The graduations will be held at Santaluces High School Auditorium on May 20, 2021.
- It was stated the extended year dates have been announced: June 28<sup>th</sup> through July 22, 2021; Monday through Thursday; and regular school hours.

**Associate Directors Report – Alli Ballin:**

- It was stated our technology program is amazing and the families are supporting the virtual students through Zoom. We are also supporting the at home students who do not have technology capabilities by sending work packets home, so we have almost all students participating on some level.
- It was stated we are all looking forward to having some time off this summer; however, we are also looking forward to the 2021-2022 school year where we will all be back on campus.



**Business Manager – Louisa Legato:**

- It was stated we are doing well and will end the year on a positive note due to February FTE being increased with additional students. We budgeted 366 students and ended with 380. It was asked where the additional students were coming from and it was stated mostly through District schools.

**Miscellaneous Announcements:**

- It was asked what the criteria was for obtaining a "School Zone" in front of the school. It was stated a crosswalk, which we do not have pedestrian students, but they are conducting studies due to our demographic.
- The future board meetings were announced:

2020-2021:

- \* Special Board Meeting – In April at a date to be determined
- \* Regular Board Meeting - Monday, May 24, 2021 @ 4pm in Large Conference Room

2021-2022:

- \* Regular Board Meeting – September 27, 2021 @ 4pm in Large Conference Room
- \* Regular Board Meeting – December 6, 2021 @ 4pm in Large Conference Room
- \* Regular Board Meeting – March 7, 2022 @ 4pm in Large Conference Room
- \* Regular Board Meeting – May 9, 2022 @ 4pm in Large Conference Room

**Adjournment:**

- Steve Carroll made a motion to adjourn, June Aversano seconded the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 4:53pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sherri Gallagher

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5/24/2021