



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
May 24, 2021**

Present: Rande 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: Rande Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:18pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed the minutes from the March 8, 2021 Board Meeting. Steve Carroll 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 we were continuing discussions regarding purchasing the building and entire property. Different purchasing scenerios are being discussed and Arnold Law Firm was recommended to help with the purchase. It was stated a motion needed to be made to continue using Arnold Law Firm through the entire purchasing process. A motion was made by Steve Carroll, Jerry Zel seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated there would be a need for special board meetings as the purchase progressed.
- It was stated Exit 8480 is moving forward. A new brand identiy company hired to help set-up the website. We are looking at current staff members to promote to manage the program once it is up and running.
- It was stated Exit 8480 has its own checking account and it was stated a motion needs to be made to transfer the restricted monies originally deposited into the Palm Beach School for Autism’s account to the newly formed Exit 8480 account. Jerry Zel made a motion to internally move the monies between accounts, June Aversano seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated the next regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday, Spetember 27, 2021 and we are going to try and have it on-campus, but is dependent upon COVID.
- It was stated the school year is winding down and this year there would be a 4-week break before summer school started.
- It was stated this years graduation included last years graduates as well as this years and it was incredible. All the students did a great job and the student speakers were amazing.

Associate Directors Report – Alli Ballin:

- It was stated our enrollment is high for the upcoming school year. Lots of families are coming from Broward as well as the New York area.
- It was stated we are putting a lot of training and effort towards helping the teachers write detailed goals.
- It was stated we are looking to hire teacher assistants. Also, we need a couple of teacher positions filled.

Business Manager – Louisa Legato:

- It was stated we needed a motion to continue to use Ken Kaneski as our CPA. Jerry Zel made a motion, June Aversano seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated the financials are in order. It was asked if there were any questions. Several questions were asked, discussions were made and all questions were answered.
- It was stated the 2021-2022 Budget was completed and was presented. It was asked if there were any questions. Several questions were asked, discussion were made and all questions were answered
- It was stated a motion needed to be made to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Dawn D’Amato made a motion, Steve Carroll seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- It was stated by Randee and echoed by the entire board of the amazing job of the administration and all staff over the last school year.
- The future board meetings for the 2021-2022 school year were announced:
 - * 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:

- Jerry Zel made a motion to adjourn, Dawn D’Amato seconded the motion and all board members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sherri Gallagher

