



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
March 28, 2022**

Present: Rantee 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: Rantee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:07pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed the minutes from the December 6, 2021 Board Meeting. Jerry Zel made a motion to approve the minutes, Russ Feldman seconded and all board members voted in favor.

Business Manager – Louisa Legato:

- It was stated we needed a motion to amend the referendum to be able to move money from one account to another. A motion was made by Dawn D’Amato, seconded by June Aversano and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated the position of the financial statements and bank account balances. Questions were asked, they were answered and no further discussions were made.
- It was stated there would be financial statements available at the next board meeting for PBSFA Properties as well as Exit 8480.
- It was stated the annual budget would be available for review and approval at the next board meeting.

Executive Directors Report – Ann Levene-Eisenberg:

- It was stated our Comedy & Cocktails event was very successful. We were limited on the attendance due to COVID protocols, but it was still fun and everyone had a great time.
- It was stated the High School Graduation will be held on May 25, 2022 at 6pm. All board members are encouraged to attend.
- It was stated Exit 8480 is set for a test mode in April, a soft opening in May, a second soft opening in June/July with the grand opening set for August. The students have been busy learning and they are rocking it.
- It was asked if there would be a video of the students working in Exit 8480 and it was stated there would be a video available at some point.
- It was stated the next board meeting would be May 23, 2022 at 4pm. This is a date change due to conflicts with the original date.
- It was stated the teacher stipend from the referendum would be divided in quarters. Distributions as follows: 1st was in December; 2nd at end of March; 3rd on the last payroll in May; and the final on the last pay in July.
- It was stated Saks Fifth Avenue was holding an event to benefit Palm Beach School for Autism. It is an event held every year by one of our dedicated supporters.
- It was stated this year’s Teachers Appreciation Week would be changed to Staff Appreciation Week and held during the 2nd week of May.

Associate Directors Report - Alli Ballin:

- It was stated there would be a push towards GenEd during the first quarter of next school year. Staff are currently being trained on the new curriculum. We believe it would be best for our students to have access to GenEd, but not to be held accountable.
- It was stated we already have a large number of students on the waiting list for next school year. There are a few spots available in pre-k and early elementary, but no spots for upper elementary and above.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- It was asked what the update for obtaining a "School Zone" in front of the school. It was stated we did not get the funding from the appropriations bill. We can apply again next year.

Adjournment:

- Steve Carroll made a motion to adjourn, Jerry Zel seconded the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sherri Gallagher

Randee Gabriel
5/23/2022