



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 2023**

Present:

Randee Gabriel – President
Dawn D’Amato – Vice President
Russ Feldman- Board Member
Damien Hunte – Board Member
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director
Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education and Behavioral Services
Nicole DeFlorio – Transition and Family Services Director

Present Via Zoom:

Steve Carroll – Treasurer
Louisa Legato – Business Director

Absent:

June Aversano – Board Member
Jerry Zel – Board Member

Call to Order:

Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed the minutes from the March 6, 2023 Board Meeting. Steve Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes, Russ Feldman seconded and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated by Randee Gabriel, Board President, we had quorum present on-campus.

Business Director – Louisa Legato:

- It was stated the Referendum is current and there are monies to roll-over as unearned revenue to put into the general funds; however, there needs to be a motion to accept the roll-over Referendum Amendment. Dawn D’Amato made a motion to approve this Amendment, Russ Feldman seconded and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation could be reworked to use more of the Growth portion to give our accredited teachers an additional salary increase; however, this allocation does not allow us to use any of these monies for teacher assistants.
- It was stated a motion needed to be made to approve the reworked Teacher Salary Increase Allocation. Dawn D’Amato made the motion, Russ Feldman seconded and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated we are giving back the unused monies from the Teacher Salary Increase Growth portion.
- It was stated the position of the financial statements and we are running ahead at this time and should look even better by the end of the year. It was stated the position of all bank account balances. No questions were asked and no further discussions were made.
- It was stated the interest on the UBS account is performing well and because of this, we will be able to give salary increases to teacher assistant for next year, which are well deserved.
- It was stated the 2023-2024 Budget was completed and was presented. It was asked if there were any questions. Several questions were asked, discussions were made and all questions were answered
- It was stated a motion needed to be made to approve the 2023-2024 Budget as presented. Russ Feldman made a motion to accept the 2023-2024 Budget, Steve Carroll seconded and all board members voted in favor.

Transition and Family Services Director – Nicole DeFlorio:

- It was stated the transition programs currently being afforded to our students, photos were presented and further discussions were made.
- It was stated there has been some discussions about CDC+ and more information was coming after obtaining additional research. It was stated it would be beneficial to set-up a workshop for our parents next year and have presenters who were knowledgeable about the program.
- It was stated the parent education workshops, Cafe chats, therapy dogs and Community Outreach were all successful this year and will continue next year.

Executive Director – Ann Levene-Eisenberg:

- It was stated there would be a special celebration for Ms. Olive, who is retiring, at Lynora's in Downtown West Palm Beach.
- It was stated we are holding our staff appreciation week this week. Every day we are offering a different event for the staff.

Associate Director – Alli Ballin:

- It was stated we need teachers and teacher assistants for next year.

Other Announcements – Randee Gabriel:

- It was stated the proposed future board meetings for 2023-2024 school year and they were approved:
 - *Regular Board Meeting – September 18, 2023 @ 4pm (virtual)
 - *Regular Board Meeting – December 4, 2023 @ 4pm (on-campus)
 - *Regular Board Meeting – March 4, 2024 @ 4pm (virtual)
 - *Regular Board Meeting – May 6, 2024 @ 4pm (on-campus)

Adjournment:

- Dawn D'Amato made a motion to adjourn, Russ Feldman seconded and all board members voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted: Sherri Gallagher

