



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Virtual Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
March 4, 2024**

Present: Rande Gabriel – President
Damien Hunte – Vice President
Russ Feldman- Board Member
Steve Carroll – Treasurer
Jerry Zel - Board Member
June Aversano – Board Member
John Spruance –Board Member
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director
Louisa Legato – Business Director
Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education & Behavioral Services

Absent: Rande Gabriel– President

Call to Order: Damien Hunte called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed the minutes from the December 18, 2023 Board Meeting. Jerry Zel made a motion to approve the minutes and Steve Carroll seconded and all board members voted in favor.

Business Manager – Louisa Legato:

- It was stated the position of the financial statements and bank account balances. A question was asked about the UBS funds and if they are FDIC insured. Louisa Legato stated that she will inquiry about the UBS funds and will let us know. Louisa also stated that we are in a very nice financial position.

Executive Directors Report – Ann Levene-Eisenberg:

- It was stated our Comedy & Cocktails event was very successful. It was also stated that our Sponsprship went up this year. With that said, it was an amazing evening and everyone had a great time.
- It was stated the Treasure Coast School for Autism application was submitted a few weeks ago and their school board will be having a meeting on April 9, 2024.
- It was stated by Ann, that Building Hope had met with Cleveland Clinic and 2 other

properties.

- It was stated that we need an upgrade to our Elementary playground and need to replace the grass with artificial turf. The board would have to approve the use of fundraiser funds to go towards the purchase of artificial turf. John Spruance made a motion to approve the purchase and June Aversano seconded and all board members voted in favor.
- It was stated that Kathleen Schoenberg will set up an advisory council and outline responsibilities for PJ D'Aoust to act as a consultant for the Treasure Coast School for Autism. A motion was made by Jerry Zel to move forward with a contract to have PJ D'Aoust as a consultant, and John Spruance seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to move forward with a contract for PJ D'Aoust.
- It was stated one of our current employees will perform the duties of an Assistant Principal of the lower school, starting January 2025 to help when Juliet Bliss is at the Treasure Coast School for Autism.

Associate Directors Report – Alli Ballin:

- It was stated Alli Ballin has launched i-Ready across elementary for reading and math.
- It was stated we are hiring teachers and teacher assistants.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- There were no other items for discussion.

Adjournment:

- Steve Carroll made a motion to adjourn, Jerry Zel seconded the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:08pm.

Respectfully submitted: Laurie Marino