



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
September 16, 2024**

Present: Randee Gabriel – President (via zoom)
Damien Hunte – Vice President
Russ Feldman- Board Member
Steve Carroll – Treasurer (via zoom)
Jerry Zel - Board Member
June Aversano – Board Member (via zoom)
John Spruance –Board Member
Ann Levene-Eisenberg – Executive Director
Louisa Legato – Business Director (via zoom)
Allison Ballin - Associate Director of Education & Behavioral Services
Nicole DeFlorio-Director of Transition and Family Services
Jessica DuBoff- Principal in Training for Treasure Coast School for Autism

Call to Order: Randee Gabriel called the meeting to order at 3:59pm

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Board members reviewed the minutes from the May 6, 2024 Board Meeting. Steve Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes and Jerry Zel 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.
- Louisa shared the Profit and Loss Statement for July 2024
- Louisa stated the School District needs us to vote to continue using Building Hopes services for day to day accounting services. A motion was made by Russ Feldman to continue the contract with Building Hope Services, and John Spruance seconded the motion. All members voted in favor to continue using Building Hope services.
- Louisa stated we need a vote to give Ann, Amanda and Louisa the right to revise the budget regarding the referendum funds. The board would like an email when any change is done to the referendum funds stating, “persuant to boards approval from September 16, 2024, the following revisions were made.” A motion was made by Jerry Zel to give Ann, Amanda and Lousia the authority to revise the budget for referendum funds, and Steve Carroll seconded the motion. All members voted in favor.

Executive Directors Report – Ann Levene-Eisenberg:

- Ann introduced Jessica DuBoff to the board as the new Principal in training for the

Treasure Coast School for Autism.

- It was stated the Treasure Coast School for Autism contract is completed.
- It was stated by Ann ,we ended our workingrelationship with Building Hope real estate division and replaced them with Paul Burell and Matt O'Connor.
- It was stated that Paul Burell and Matt O'Connor are in the process of completing the purchase of the property off of Becker Rd in Port St Lucie.
- It was stated that the Due Process Case is over and the verdict was in our favor.
- It was stated we are going to have a bench dedicated in honor of Logan Hyman and received donations from families to pay for it.
- It was stated that we will be having a Zoom meeting on September 26, 2024 at 4pm with our auditors. The auditors will present the 2023-2024 Independent Audit Report.
- It was stated we are looking at a comprehensive communication platform to launch in mid November.
- It was stated the date for Comedy & Cocktails is March 1, 2025.
- Ann shared the anticipated opening for Treasure Coast School for Autism is in 2026

Associate Directors Report – Alli Ballin:

- It was stated that the Arnold Law Firm is assisting us with getting more access to the School Districts SIS System.
- It was stated we have a part time position available for a Certified Reading teacher.
- It was stated that we revamped our preschool program and it now includes 3 rotations during the day to other classrooms.
- It was stated we are still intaking new students daily.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- Nicole DeFlorio stated that she is continuing with the monthly cafe chats with the parents.
- Nicole DeFlorio stated that she has scheduled monthly parent workshops.
- Nicole DeFlorio stated that she will be starting a therapy dog program with Certified Therapy Dogs, LLC.
- It was stated we will be marketing Exit 8480 boxes at a booth at the Wellington Community Center Market.

Adjournment:

- John Spruance made a motion to adjourn, Jerry Zel seconded the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:27pm.

Respectfully submitted: Laurie Marino

