



**Palm Beach School for Autism, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
December 9, 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
Jessica DuBoff- Principal in Training for Treasure Coast School for Autism

Call to Order: Rande Gabriel called the meeting to order at 4:02pm

Executive Directors Report – Ann Eisenberg:

- Ann Eisenberg stated she is in the process of applying for a huge grant for the Treasure Coast School for Autism. The grant will cover some of the start-up costs.
- Ann Eisenberg stated she had a Zoom meeting with Senator Ben Albritton’s staff, who expressed interest in the school’s operations and what we feel are the barriers for ESE Charter Schools. An invitation was extended to Ann Eisenberg and Allison Ballin to attend a Senate meeting with him on January 14, 2025.
- Ann Eisenberg expressed gratitude to the Board for their ongoing support and reflected on the strength of the Boards collaborative approach.
- Ann Eisenberg stated that Abby Shorr will be moving out of Florida next year, and we will be looking to replace her position.
- Ann Eisenberg stated that Comedy & Cocktails is scheduled for March 1, 2025 at the Wycliffe Golf & Country Club
- Ann Eisenberg exchanged warm holiday wishes to the Board.

Business Directors Report – Louisa Legato:

- Louisa Legato shared a handout with the Board of our Monthly P&L Report.
- Louisa Legato stated the FTE reimbursement will be deposited at midnight on December 10, 2024 and also stated that the IDEA reimbursement will be deposited on December 12, 2024.

Associate Directors Report – Allison Ballin:

- Allison Ballin shared a reflection on the increased engagement and progress of Kindergarten to Second grade students due to the integration of technology in the classroom. She noted that while these students have always worked hard, there has been a noticeable shift in the level and duration of their engagement. This change is attributed to the adoption of self-paced learning tools, such as computers, Ipads, and online curriculum programs.
- Allison Ballin stated the schools progress went from “Maintaining to Commendable” in State testing, which resulted in additional funding.
- Allison Ballin emphasized that the resources being purchased for the school are actively used and are contributing to the students growth. The integration of technology has created new learning opportunities.

Board of Directors Approvals:

- Rande Gabriel asked for a vote to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2024 Board Meeting. Steve Carroll made the first motion and June Aversano seconded the motion. All board members voted in favor to approve the November 4, 2024 minutes.
- Rande Gabriel asked for a vote to allow Ann Eisenberg to transfer \$200,000.00 from the UBS account to our operating account to be used for Holiday Bonuses. Damien Hunte made the first motion and John Spruance made the second motion. All board members voted in favor of the transfer of funds from the UBS account.
- Rande Gabriel asked for a vote to give our part time staff who have income restrictions a Gift Card in the amount of \$750.00 as a Holiday Bonus. Steve Carroll made the first motion and June Aversano made the second motion. All board members voted in favor of the Gift Cards.

Adjournment:

- Russ Feldman made a motion to adjourn, June Aversano seconded the motion and all were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Laurie Marino

