

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY, INC.**

January 20, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Aristoi Classical Academy, Inc., charter holder for Aristoi Classical Academy, was held on **Monday, January 20, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the School**, 5618 Eleventh Street, Katy, TX 77493.

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum. LB
2. Hearing of citizens. None
3. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for December 14, 2020 Regular Board Meeting. Motion to approve minutes: G. Ferguson. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously.
4. Discuss, consider and approve plans for school year 2020-2021 in light of COVID-19 guidance from TEA, plans from area school districts, calendar options, surveys and any related information or considerations. Hear report from superintendent on how the online and on-campus teaching and logistics are evolving, and discuss any updates or changes. B. Davidson reported that there is now a CDC recommended fogger for use after school hours to disinfect the Griffin Center. L. Botond requested info on the ingredients used. Mrs. Davidson will notify parents that, barring a new order from the governor regarding the 2021-2022 school year that requires schools to offer online and on campus dual options, Aristoi will return to its traditional on campus only education.
Upper School Update: Mrs. Locheed reported that as of first semester, more online students were failing at least one class than on campus students as follows: **5th grade** failing- Online 14%, On Campus 10%, **6th Grade** failing- Online 22%, On Campus 30%, **7th Grade** failing- Online 35%, On Campus 21%, **8th Grade** Failing- Online 61%, On Campus 21%, **9th Grade** Failing- Online 30%, On Campus 6%, **10th Grade** Failing- Online 53%, On Campus 30%, **11th Grade** Failing-Online 42%, On Campus 41%, **12th Grade** Failing- Online 83%, On Campus 10%. There is still plenty of time to get students to passing grades in all classes. Parents are encouraged to return students to campus if at all possible.
Elementary Report from Mr. Boling regarding academic comparison between On Campus and Online Students in the First Semester: **Kinder**- No students failing, **1st Grade**- On Campus students: 70 passing, 4 failing, Online Students 11 Passing, 4 failing; **2nd Grade**-On Campus students: 69 passing, 3 failing, Online Students: 12 Passing, 4 failing; **3rd Grade**- On Campus students: 64 passing, 8 failing, Online Students 9 passing, 7 failing; **4th Grade**- On Campus 67 passing, 1 failing, Online students: 15 passing, 5 failing.
5. Discuss and consider an update on the Cypress Campus, including but not limited to enrollment, facilities, renovations, leadership team and faculty. A. Amboree reported that the required kitchen renovations have been completed. Crossover will be adding some cosmetic touches to the kitchen project. Crossover is still renovating restrooms due to a leak. Aristoi is still completing some classroom renovations.
6. Discuss, consider, and approve HB3 board adopted plans and goals. Denise Cummins reported on the HB3 goals for early childhood, both in literacy and

math. The “COVID slide” across the state is reportedly responsible for an approximately 20% loss of skills in students. In 3rd Grade, Early Childhood Math goal is to increase STAAR math scores from 44% in spring of 2019 to 50% in spring of 2024. 3rd Grade Literacy goal is to increase STAAR Reading scores from 47% in spring of 2019 to 60% in the spring of 2024. Motion to adopt and approve the HB3 Goals as presented: A. Hovis. Second: G. Ferguson. Approved unanimously.

7. Discuss and consider report from Masterson Advisors regarding bonds and markets. Jonathan Church and Ben Terry were present to report to the Board on the current bond market for schools and to look at options for financing further building at the Morton Road campus. Mr. Church reported that Aristoi’s range of interest rates, if financing done at this time, would be in the 4%-5% range. Aristoi’s call date isn’t until 2023 on current bonds but bondholder may work with the school for earlier date. Enrollment at Cypress, if strong, will allow better financing. The market is fairly good right now for municipal bonds.
8. Discuss, consider, and approve the audit for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Ailene Comple Makalintal attended the meeting to walk the Board through the Audit report for year ending 2020. Aristoi earned an unmodified/clean opinion. School’s total assets are \$18 million. Total liabilities are \$10.3 million. There was one small correction to make on page 5 which doesn’t change the audit outcome. Motion to approve the final audit with the correction on page 5: L. Botond. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously.
9. Discuss, consider and approve revised salary scale to include Speech Pathologist, Diagnostician, Librarian, and Dyslexia Specialist. B. Davidson requested the addition of these job descriptions and their salary ranges to the school’s salary scale because contracting these positions is more expensive than bringing them in-house. Motion to approve the addition of these positions to the salary scale and to make the revisions to the scale: A. Hovis. Second: R. Williams. Approved unanimously.
10. Discuss, consider, and approve OfficeMakers to be an office furniture vendor of over 50k per school year with multiple contracts. Motion to approve this vendor: L. Botond. Second: G. Ferguson. Approved unanimously.
11. Discuss, consider and approve a charter amendment and board resolution to revise the admissions policy. B. Davidson reports that this will allow the school to receive applications earlier than before. Motion to approve the charter amendment request and board resolution: A. Cox. Second: A. Hovis. Approved unanimously.
12. Discuss, consider, and approve phase 1 of the Security Project in the amount of \$90,000. Mrs. Dejong reported that the whole project, including security cameras, would cost \$160,000. The first phase of funds in the amount of \$90,000 is already secured. Mrs. Dejong requested approval of the whole \$160,000 project with the provision that it will only be completed in full if grant funds for the whole project are received. If not, only the work to be done with the \$90,000 in available funds will be done at this time. Motion to approve the completion of the entire security project to cost \$160,000 if funds are secured in time; if only \$90,000 (already secured) is available, then only the work funded by the lesser amount will be done: L. Botond. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously.
13. Discuss consider and approve the engagement of an architect to revise the master plan. G. Ferguson has researched best architect to revise school’s master plan and, based on

personal experience with excellent work done on multiple projects by Jack Duran of Blueline Architects and the recommendation of the same by Tom Forney as well as the quality work done on local projects such as the Katy City Hall, Mr. Ferguson recommended engaging Blueline Architects to update the school's master plan. Motion to engage Blueline Architects: A. Hovis. Second: R. Williams. Approved unanimously.

14. Hear and discuss the report from the Superintendent. BD
 - a. Enrollment
 - b. Financial
 - c. Faculty and Staff (report on new hires, resignations)
 - d. Student Testing
 - e. Curriculum
 - f. Professional Development
 - g. Marketing/Communication
 - h. Development/Fundraising/Grants
 - i. Campus Security
 - j. Facilities
 - k. Extra-Curricular
 - l. Title 1/Parent Involvement
 - m. Dress Code
 - n. Compliance
 - o. Miscellaneous
15. Discuss and consider taking action from Superintendent's Report. None
16. Hear a report from the Budget Finance Committee. None
17. Discuss items to be placed on the February Regular Meeting Agenda. Boys Varsity won another State Championship in Flag Football and would like to attend the meeting to present the trophy, revise the wellness policy, approve 2021-2022 School Calendar
18. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn: G. Ferguson. Second: A. Hovis. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Prepared by Lucina Botond

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2021, as approved by the Board of Directors on March 8, 2021.



Lucina R. Botond, Board President