



THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

(OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

DATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024, 6:00-9:25 P.M.

LOCATION: NORTH CAMPUS – SECONDARY SCHOOL, 1ST FLOOR, ROOM 1102

The Classical Academy exists to assist parents in their mission to develop exemplary citizens, equipped with analytical thinking skills, virtuous character, and a passion for learning, all built upon a solid foundation of knowledge.

AGENDA

Allotted Time/Start Time

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| I. | Call to Order (6:00 pm) | 1 min (6:00) (6:00) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">The Board Chair (Mr. Fradette) called the meeting to order at 6:00. | |
| II. | Pledge of Allegiance/Mission/Roll Call | 2 min (6:01) (6:01) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Roll call: (Mr. Fradette; Here // Mr. Hannan; Here (on the phone) // Mrs. Hawkins; Here // Mrs. Johnson; Here // Mr. Palmer; Here // Mrs. Wittleder; Here // Mr. Young; Here). A quorum was present. | |
| III. | Approval of Agenda | 2 min (6:03) (6:02) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion: Mrs. Johnson moved to approve the agenda and was seconded.Discussion: None.<u>Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).</u> | |
| IV. | Celebrate TCA (CP NHS Philanthropy Project) | 5 min (6:05) (6:03) |
| | Action: (Harris)
Motion: (Info)
Rationale: to highlight accomplishments of TCA students, staff, and parents | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">This month we celebrated College Pathways' National Honor Society.A few CP students shared about the various philanthropic projects they have participated in this past semester.<ul style="list-style-type: none">The activities included a toy and stuffed animal drive, collecting canned goods for Care and Share, and producing a talent show benefitting Springs Rescue Mission.The students are looking forward to raising money for St. Jude's Hospital this spring.It was wonderful to hear how these students have given back to our community. | |
| V. | Comments from the Audience (Audience members have 3 minutes to address the Board)
(NOTE: Per procedural rules if more than one person is speaking on the same topic we request that one or two specific spokespersons speak on behalf of the group) | 10 min (6:10) (6:07) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">There were no comments from the audience. | |
| VI. | Executive Session | 20 min (6:20) (6:08) |
| | Action: (Fradette)
Motion: (Vote) to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h) discussion of matters that involve individual students
Rationale: as required by statute regarding disciplinary actions | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Motion: Mr. Palmer moved to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h) discussion of matters that involve individual students.Discussion: Mr. Jolly (DAS), Mr. Miller (TCA Attorney), and were asked to be included in the Executive Session.<u>Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).</u> | |
| | The Board came out of Executive Session | (6:29) |
| | Executive Session (If Required) | 20 min (6:40) (6:31) |
| | Action: (Fradette) | |

Motion: (Vote) to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h) discussion of matters that involve individual students

Rationale: as required by statute to hear appeal to the board regarding disciplinary consequences

- **Motion: Mr. Palmer moved to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h) discussion of matters that involve individual students.**
- Discussion: Parent/Guardian, student, and their legal counsel, Mr. Jolly (DAS), Mr. Miller (TCA Attorney), Mr. Shields (High School Principal) were asked to be included during the course of the Executive Session.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

The Board came out of executive session and Mr. Palmer made the following motion which was seconded: (8:09)

- **Motion: To uphold the Administration’s expulsion decision based upon the findings presented in the executive session.**
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

Executive Session (If Required)

20 min (7:00) (N/A)

Action: (Fradette)

Motion: (Vote) to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(h) discussion of matters that involve individual students

Rationale: as required by statute to hear appeal to the board regarding disciplinary consequences

- Not required.

VII. Comments from the Board of Directors

10 min (7:20) (8:10)

- There were no Board comments.

VIII. Legal Update/Training

10 min (7:30) (8:11)

Action: (Miller)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to update the Board on Colorado Legislative actions

- The legislature is working on “statement” bills that are not intended to pass but to foster ideas.
- The budget is not completed from the Governor’s office, however, this year there is more competition for state dollars outside the field of education.
- Legislation is developing around types of books that can and cannot be included in libraries, collective bargaining in charter schools, and protecting employees free speech on social media.

IX. Report of the President & Cabinet Spotlights

15 min (7:40) (8:17)

Action: (Thomason)

Motion: (Info)

Rationale: to highlight cabinet activities (Pres., Ops, Academics, HR, Finance).

- Dr. Thomason highlighted the following items from his report:
 - I am happy to be back to work after recovering from pancreatitis the last couple of months.
 - Returned to work full time on 2 Jan 2024.
 - The state of the school address will be given on February 16, 2024.
 - Mrs. Keffer’s fundraising efforts enabled TCA to match and exceed the \$60,000 match at the end of the year surpassing this same time last year.
 - We are expecting a very good December fundraising report.

X. Consent Agenda

3 min (7:55) (8:22)

Board Directed items to be removed from Consent Agenda:

Motion: (Vote) to file the Consent Agenda

A. Finance (VanGambleare)

1. November Financials

B. Building Corp Director Appointments

C. SAC Minutes

1. Central Elementary Budget Resource Priorities, Dec 13, 2023

2. Junior High Budget Resource Priorities, Dec 15, 2023

- **Motion: Mr. Palmer moved to file the Consent Agenda and was seconded.**

• Discussion: None

- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

XI. Minutes: December 11, 2023

2 min (7:58) (8:23)

Action: (Swanson)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the December 11, 2023 minutes

Rationale: to provide a record of the Board meeting for files

- **Motion: Mr. Hannan moved to approve the December 11, 2023 Minutes and was seconded.**
- Discussion: None.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

Break

10 min (8:00) (8:24)

XII. Discussion Agenda Items**A. Items removed from Consent Agenda****B. Cabinet Level Reports****1. Mid-Year Budget Modification**

5 min (8:10) (8:27)

Action: (VanGamble)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the mid-year budget modifications presented by Mr. VanGamble

Rationale: to approve changes to the current year budget

- **Motion: Mrs. Wittleder moved to approve the mid-year budget modification and was seconded.**
- Discussion: None.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

2. School Calendar Review/Approval

10 min (8:15) (8:32)

Action: (Jolly, Birkey)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the school calendars for the 2024-25 school year and preliminarily approve the Draft 2025-26 school year calendars

Rationale: to provide the Board an opportunity to approve the 2024-2025 school year calendar and preliminary approval of the Draft 2025-2026 school year calendars

- **Motion: Mrs. Wittleder moved to approve the school calendars for the 2024-25 school year and preliminarily approve the Draft 2025-26 school year calendars and was seconded.**
- Discussion:
 - All calendars adhere to state required number of days/hours requirements.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

3. New Course Approvals

10 min (8:25) (8:35)

Action: (Jolly, Galvin)

Motion: (Vote) to approve the following new courses to the TCA curriculum: Fitness for Life and Introduction to Computer Science

Rationale: to review and approve new courses added to the TCA curriculum

- **Motion: Mr. Young moved to approve the following new courses to the TCA curriculum: Fitness for Life and Introduction to Computer Science and was seconded.**
- Discussion: None.
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

C. Board Level Reports**1. Announce the Board of Directors Upcoming Election**

5 min (8:35) (8:36)

Action: (Fradette)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to announce the upcoming election and to discuss the search for eligible candidates for the TCA Board

- The TCA Board of Directors has two three-year term positions up for election in March.
- Those seats are currently filled by Mrs. Kinetta Johnson and Mrs. Sonya Wittleder. Mrs. Johnson will be seeking re-election while Mrs. Wittleder will not be seeking re-election.
- If community members wish to submit their names for the ballot, there will be a board candidate interest meeting on January 23, 2024.
- Completed board packets must be submitted to our Board Clerk, Mr. Bob Swanson, by 4:00 pm on Thursday, February 8th.
- The upcoming online election will take place from March 11th - March 29th. For questions and packet submittal, please contact Mr. Swanson at swanson@asd20.org or 719-332-6066.

2. Digital Health Committee Update

5 min (8:40) (8:44)

Action: (Palmer, Wittleder)

Motion: (Information)

Rationale: to provide an update from the Digital Health Committee

- We are fortunate to have developed the Digital Health Policy that is concerned for the mental health well-being of our students.
- Teachers have seen definite changes in the behavior of our students all for the better
 - More conversations taking place amongst one another (relationship building).
 - More attentive in class.
 - Kids acting more like kids and not glued to their phones.

3. Working Session Topics

5 min (8:45) (8:47)

Action: (Fradette)

Motion: (Discussion)

Rationale: to discuss possible working session topics for Mar 4 and Apr 22

- A few different topics were submitted, but nothing definitive came forward as a topic for a Board working session.

D. Board Communication

5 min (8:50) (8:58)

Action: (Secretary)

Rationale: to develop and approve of communication update to community

- Celebrate TCA
- Election Announcement
- Calendar Approval

E Future Board Agenda Items

5 min (8:55) (8:59)

1. Quarterly Financial Report, Info, VanGambleare, Feb
2. Announce Board of Director Candidates, Info, Fradette, Feb
3. Curriculum Review/Text Review (Elementary), 1st Read, Jolly, Feb
4. Board Budget, 1st Read, Hawkins, Feb
5. Annual Facility Master Plan Report/Deferred Main., Plans, Costs, Info, Pacht, Feb
6. Board Candidates Video Presentations, Video, Fradette, Feb
7. March Working Session Topics, Disc, Fradette, Feb
8. BMAC Makes Recommendation to Board, Disc., Hawkins, Feb

F. Comments from the Board of Directors

5 min (9:00) (9:00)

- Mr. Fradette: I was impressed by the CP presentation and the talent show.
- Mr. Hannan: Sorry to hear that Mrs. Wittleder won't be running for re-election (she is a pleasure to work with); happy to hear that Mrs. Johnson will be running again for the Board for a second term (I appreciate her attention to detail).
- Mr. Young: Glad to see Dr. Thomason back; it is a testament to the cabinet quality and their leadership that the school did not skip a beat in his absence.

G. Executive Session

20 min (9:05) (9:03)

Action: (Fradette)

Motion: (Vote) to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback

Rationale: to provide TCA President with Bi-annual feedback from the TCA Board

- **Motion: Mr. Palmer moved to move into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(f) TCA President interim feedback**
- Discussion: None
- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

XIII. Adjournment (Approx. 9:25 p.m.)

(9:25) (9:40)

- **Motion: Mr. Fradette moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.**

• Discussion: None

- **Vote: By a roll call vote of 7-0 the Board approved the motion. (Mr. Fradette; Yea // Mr. Hannan; Yea // Mrs. Hawkins; Yea // Mrs. Johnson; Yea // Mr. Palmer; Yea // Mrs. Wittleder; Yea // Mr. Young; Yea).**

Sonya Wittleder

TCA Board Secretary