

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY, INC.
March 8, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Aristoi Classical Academy, Inc., charter holder for Aristoi Classical Academy, was held on **Monday, March 8, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at the School**, 5610 Morton Road, Katy, TX 77493.

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum. L. Botond called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. Also in attendance were J. Craig, A. Hovis, A. Cox, R. Williams, B. Davidson, A. Amboree, T. Boling, D. Cummins, D. Guel, D. Thompson, K. Locheed, and J. Malone.
2. Conduct a moment of silence for Mr. Richards. A moment of silence was conducted in honor of Mr. Richards.
3. Hearing of citizens. Mollie Ullrich spoke to the board regarding her concerns about requiring masks and asked the board to make them optional.
4. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for January 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes for the January 20, 2021 Regular Board Meeting: A. Cox. Second: R. Williams. Unanimous approval.
5. Hear report from the PTO from the Katy elementary campus. No representative present.
6. Hear report from the PTO from the Cypress campus. Sarah Currier, PTO President, gave an update on the Cypress campus PTO. Incorporation has been completed. Events are well attended. The PTO is focusing on building community and supporting the school.
7. Hear report from the Aristoi Booster Club. Paula Aguirre, the ABD President, gave a Booster Club update. The focus has been on teacher appreciation events this school year. The bank balance is approximately \$28,000. Snack sales are resuming this week. Two basketball goals were purchased for outdoor use. The Aristoi Booster Club is exploring ways to honor Mr. Richards.
8. Hear from the Boys Varsity Flag Football State Champions. Tabled.
9. Discuss and consider Governor Abbott's March 2, 2021 order ending the mask mandate and its application to Aristoi Classical Academy's policies. B. Davidson reported that the administration unanimously recommends keeping the mask mandate to support student performance and attendance, to honor Mr. Richards, and to address teacher safety concerns. Mrs. Davidson and the administration are concerned that if there is not a mask mandate, students will return to online learning and not be successful. The Cypress campus asked to keep masks because Crossover Bible Fellowship requires them for their church in the common areas. TEA and Harris County Public Health recommend keeping the mask mandate in place. L. Botond thanked all parents and staff that contacted the school board. She stated her belief that masks are unconstitutional. Charts with COVID data were shared showing that areas with mask mandates have similar COVID case numbers to areas without mandates. She recommended removing the mask mandate. A. Cox stated that students are affected by the mask order and feels that masks should be a personal choice. R. Williams stated he values the data from the teachers and administration. He felt that out of charity the teachers should be protected because they do not have a choice about being at school. Mr. Williams feels that the

teachers are important so the mask mandate should be kept. A. Hovis stated that every person has a choice and that to say a choice is not available was not true. He stated that no one person's safety or freedom is more important than another's. He felt that families should have a choice. A. Amboree voiced concerns regarding the lease situation at the Cypress campus. L. Botond stated to talk to the church and the lawyer. Motion to remove the mask mandate effective March 10, 2021: L. Botond Second: A. Hovis Ayes: L. Botond, A. Cox, A. Hovis. Nays: J. Craig, R. Williams. Masks will be optional on Aristoi property beginning March 10, 2021.

10. Discuss update on school issues involving COVID-19 and hear report from superintendent on how the online and on-campus teaching and logistics are evolving. B. Davidson reported cases have been increasing in the local zip codes.
11. 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 renovations on the classrooms and restrooms should be completed by the end of the month.
12. Discuss, consider, and approve the Morton Road Campus Master Plan. G. Ferguson was not present to discuss. A meeting will be held this week to discuss plans and an update will be given next month.
13. Discuss, consider, and approve the academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 academic calendars for the Katy and Cypress campuses: L. Botond. Second: R. Williams. Unanimous approval.
14. Discuss, consider, and approve the Varsity Letterman Requirements for Fine Arts. K. Lockheed reported that a point system was created to help student letter in fine arts. Motion to approve the Varsity Letterman Requirements for Fine Arts: A. Hovis. Second: A. Cox. Unanimous approval.
15. Discuss, Consider, and approve TEA waiver for four days of school closure due to the weather, internet, power and plumbing issues. Motion to approve TEA waiver for four days of school closure due to the weather, internet, power and plumbing issues: A. Cox. Second: L. Botond. Unanimous approval.
16. Discuss, consider, and approve the Open-Enrollment Expedited Charter Renewal Application. Motion to approve the Open-Enrollment Expedited Charter Renewal Application and delegate authority to administration to make any necessary corrections required by TEA: L. Botond. Second: A. Hovis. Unanimous approval.
17. Discuss, consider and approve a revised Wellness Policy. Motion to approve a revised Wellness Policy: A. Cox. Second: R. Williams. Unanimous approval.
18. Discuss, consider and approve the teacher salary scale. B. Davidson stated that her hope is to increase the school's contribution to insurance and add a sick day to the leave bank. The scale increases salaries by \$1,000. The title will be revised to 2021-2022. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 teacher salary scale: L. Botond. Second: A. Cox. Aye: L. Botond, A. Cox, R. Williams, A. Hovis. Abstain: J. Craig.
19. Discuss, consider and approve the substitute salary scale. Motion to approve the substitute salary scale: L. Botond. Second: A. Cox. Unanimous approval.
20. Discuss, consider and approve the School Board's Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy. L. Botond stated this is required as part of the charter renewal process.

- Motion to approve the School Board's Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy: L. Botond. Second: A. Hovis. Unanimous approval.
21. Discuss, consider and approve application for a grant that would fund board training in the Lone Star Governance program and discuss board training options. This training focuses on STAAR and the school's A-F rating. The grant covers \$10,000. Motion to approve application for a grant that would fund board training in the Lone Star Governance program: A. Hovis. Second: R. Williams. Unanimous approval.
 22. 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
 23. Discuss and consider taking action from Superintendent's Report. None
 24. Hear a report from the Budget Finance Committee. Nothing to report.
 25. Discuss items to be placed on the April Regular Meeting Agenda. Superintendent evaluation, handbooks, flag football team, master plan, survey report, Cabbie Lamb from Gainesville
 26. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn: A. Cox. Second: L. Botond. Unanimous approval. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Prepared by Julie Craig

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on March 8, 2021, as approved by the Board of Directors on April 19, 2021.



Lucina R. Botond, Board President