

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ARISTOI CLASSICAL ACADEMY, INC.  
April 19, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Aristoi Classical Academy, Inc., charter holder for Aristoi Classical Academy, was held on **Monday, April 19, 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 5:32 pm. Also present were A. Cox, A. Hovis, R. Williams, G. Ferguson, B. Davidson, A. Amboree, D. Guel, T. Boling, and D. Thompson.
2. Hearing of citizens. Doug Thompson spoke to encourage the school to order and hang the State Championship banners for the boys varsity flag football victories for the last two years as a way to celebrate the victories and bring recognition to the school.
3. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes: G. Ferguson. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously.
4. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for March 23, 2021 Special Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes: G. Ferguson. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously.
5. Hear from the Boys Varsity Flag Football State Champions. Athletic Director, Kendrick Davis introduced seniors Jacobey Thompson and Robert McElroy, who spoke about the flag football state championship and presented the state championship trophy.
6. 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 that Next Level Urgent Care provided COVID-19 vaccinations for Aristoi employees. Mrs. Davidson also reported COVID infections at Aristoi totaled as follows: January-16, February-32, March-20, and April-5. Percent of online students at each campus currently: Upper School-19%, Katy Elementary-13%, and Cypress-10%.
7. 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 most of the renovations on campus were complete. A retractable wall will still be added. The church has opened for services for the last two weeks.
8. Discuss and consider update on the Morton Road Campus Master Plan. G. Ferguson reported that Jack Durant, architect, has recovered from illness and is back to work on the Morton Road campus master plan update project.
9. Discuss and consider survey results from Ahart Solutions. Steve Bourgeois presented the school's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual survey results. Some of the major takeaways were: 1) Some teachers have really struggled with use of the IT during the last year due to providing online school, 2) Teachers would benefit greatly from getting to observe one another on a regular basis and this requires a formal plan to make it happen, 3) Academics and extra-curriculars can still improve, 4) Communication should improve, 5) Aristoi should provide parents some education on classical education, 5) Teacher evaluations should improve by using not only the state evaluation instruments but by using an instrument unique to Aristoi, and 6) Future surveys should shift to focus more on certain topics of most interest to the school.

10. Hear from Cabbi Lamb from Gainesville, Texas. Ms. Lamb and Alfred Wesser introduced themselves to the board. They've been working with Steve Bourgeois on laying out plans for a potential future Aristoi campus in Gainesville, Texas. Ms. Lamb is a graduate of Hillsdale College and wants to serve her home community by opening a classical charter school. They've scouted possible locations and have done demographic studies and surveys to gauge parent interest.
11. Discuss, consider, and approve the 2021-2022 Student Handbook. Motion to approve the handbook with corrected typos and allowing for the final review of the school's attorney: L. Botond. Second: A. Hovis. Approved unanimously.
12. Discuss, consider, and approve the 2021-2022 Employee Handbook. Motion to approve the handbook with any attorney corrections: L. Botond. Second: G. Ferguson. Approved unanimously.
13. Accept the resignation of Julie Craig from the Aristoi Classical Academy Board of Directors. Motion to accept the resignation: L. Botond. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously.
14. Discuss, consider, and approve the adoption of the textbook for astronomy. K. Locheed and Dr. Stepp introduced the recommended textbook: Pathways to Astronomy 6<sup>th</sup> Edition. They specified that juniors and seniors are eligible to take the course. Motion to approve the recommended textbook: L. Botond. Second: G. Ferguson. Approved unanimously.
15. Discuss, consider and approve a fourth 9th grade class for the 2021-2022 school year. B. Davidson brought to the board's attention that there is a chance that within the next two years, the school might need to consider adding an additional 9<sup>th</sup> grade section in order to allow all rising 8<sup>th</sup> graders to retain seats at Aristoi. Currently, each high school grade level serves a maximum of 75 students which is less than the number that may be coming in from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. No action needed at this time, but it may need to be considered soon as we update the campus master plan.
16. Discuss and consider the 2021-2022 TEKS Certification. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 TEKS Certification: L. Botond. Second: A. Hovis. Approved unanimously.
17. 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
18. Discuss and consider taking action from Superintendent's Report. None

19. Hear a report from the Budget Finance Committee. No meetings have taken place recently.
20. Adjournment to closed or executive session pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:
  - a. Personnel Matters
    - i. Deliberate the duties, evaluation, and performance of the Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer.
    - ii. Discuss assignment and duties of public officers
    - iii. Deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, including upper level administrator(s) and development employee(s)

The board adjourned to closed session at 7:22 pm.

21. Reconvene in open session. Reconvened at 9:57 pm.
22. Take action on items discussed in closed session. Motion to elect to the board Sean Dollahon: G. Ferguson. Second: A. Hovis. Approved unanimously.
23. Discuss board training. L. Botond will need available dates in the second half of July to do training with John Littleford.
24. Discuss items to be placed on the May Regular Meeting Agenda and May Annual Meeting.
25. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn: G. Ferguson. Second: A. Cox. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Prepared by Lucina Botond

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the meeting held on April 19, 2021, as approved by the Board of Directors on May 17, 2021.

  
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Lucina R. Botond, Board President