

**Sussex Academy**  
**Executive Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 18, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m. by Mariah Calagione, Board President

Board Members Present: Mariah Calagione, Iлона Holland, Marty Cosgrove, Dustin Parker, Jennifer Scott, Dean Swingle, Denise Westbrook, Lauren Wisely and Jamie Nutter

Board Members Absent: Adam Marsh, Joe Schell, Chris Moody and Chris Benjamin.

Staff Present: Patricia Oliphant, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Allen Stafford, Director of Finance, Operations and Andrea Rogers, Board Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Denise Westbrook to accept the minutes of the January 21, 2015 Executive Board meeting. Dean Swingle seconded; the motion was carried. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

**AGENDA CHANGE:** Added 2015-16 School Schedule and Nominating Committee to Old Business.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**Patricia Oliphant reported:**

Tim Sage, Tech-Ed teacher, has resigned. Tim Elmer has filled the Tech Ed position. Chad Heers was hired as a para professional and to oversee high school credit recovery.

Clayton Crum's title has been changed to Coordinator of Student Services. Maria DiPasquale will transition to overseeing IEP development.

Applications for teacher employment have been extended to February 20 due to weather condition closings.

IB Update – Sussex Academy has completed an addendum to have science lab completed by 8/21/15.

**Upcoming Events:**

- 2/21 – High School Open House
- 3/6 – Grandparents' Day
- 3/7 – Gala
- 3/12 – Legislative Breakfast
- 3/13 & 3/14 – Spring Musical

Compliance monitoring was discussed.

**MONTHLY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Jennifer Scott to accept the second quarter Financial Report. Dean Swingle seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

**SUSSEX ACADEMY FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Joe Schell has a meeting scheduled on February 22 with a construction update.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Executive**

No report was presented.

**Finance**

No report was presented.

**Recognition**

A written report was submitted.

**Public Relations**

A written report was submitted.

**Building and Grounds**

No report was submitted.

**Program Development**

No report was submitted.

**Athletics**

No report was submitted.

**Legislative**

Jamie Nutter discussed an Opt Out Bill to allow parents to opt out of Common Core/Smarter Balance. Also, House Bill No. 28 was discussed regarding pro ration of funds if a student were to transfer out during middle of the school year.

**Policy**

Jamie Nutter handed out examples of other schools technology policies.

**Library**

Discussion was held about keeping the library committee active or dissolving it.

**Outreach**

A written report was submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Patricia Oliphant proposed starting the school day earlier for the 2015-16 school year. (7:40 a.m. until 2:25 p.m.) This would insure that instructional time would not be missed due to sports related activities. More discussion will be held at the March meeting.

There will be 4 new board seats available for the 2015-16 term. A nominating committee will be formed so that they can be sworn in at the June board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business reported.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were presented.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A motion was made to enter Executive Session at 5:03 by Jennifer Scott. Mariah Calagione seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Denise Westbrook made a motion to approve action on Student 2014-15 – 1 matter discussed in Executive Session. Dustin Parker seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

A motion was made by Jennifer Scott at 5:23 to come out of Executive Session. Dean Swingle seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:24p.m. Jennifer Scott made a motion to adjourn. Ilona Holland seconded; the motion carried. The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Rogers,  
Board Secretary