

**Sussex Academy**  
**Executive Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**January 21, 2015**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Mariah Calagione Board President

Board Members Present: Chris Benjamin, Ilona Holland, Mariah Calagione, Chris Moody, Dustin Parker, Joe Schell, Jennifer Scott, Dean Swingle, and Lauren Wisely \*Jamie Nutter listened by conference call

Board Members Absent: Martin Cosgrove, Adam Marsh, Denise Westbrook.

Staff Present: Patricia Oliphant, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Allen Stafford, Director of Finance and Operations

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dean Swingle to accept the minutes of the November 19, 2014 Executive Board meeting. Jennifer Scott seconded; the motion was carried.

**AGENDA CHANGE:** Mariah Calagione reported that the Executive Session will be held at 4:00 p.m.

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS**

**Application/Lottery**

Patricia Oliphant reported that 246 applications were received for grade 6. Of those applications there were 33 preference applications. Letters will be mailed to all applicants on Thursday, January 22, 2015. There are currently 23 applicants for grade 9.

**Preference Sub Committee**

Jennifer Scott announced the members of the Preference subcommittee.

**Personnel**

Patricia Oliphant reported that Tim Sage, Tech-Ed Teacher, has resigned. Tim Elmer will begin the Tech-Ed at the end of January 2015. Additional positions will be posted within the month.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:55 p.m. Jennifer Scott made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a student hearing. Ilona Holland seconded; the motion carried.

At 5:10 p.m. Dean Swingle made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Chris Benjamin seconded; the motion carried.

**MONTHLY BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT**

A motion was made by Dean Swingle to accept the second quarter Financial Report. Jennifer Scott seconded; the motion carried.

**SUSSEX ACADEMY FOUNDATION UPDATE**

Joe Schell reported that the Foundation is working to obtain bids for the build-out of a library, theater and cafeteria.

Two grass fields will be completed by spring. Two artificial fields will be completed over the summer.

A local business will pay for an aquatic center which should be complete mid 2015 or early 2016.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Executive**

The Executive Committee reviewed response to the press that was prepared by Patricia Oliphant and Mariah Calagione.

### **Finance**

No report was presented.

### **Recognition**

A written report was submitted.

### **Public Relations**

No report was presented.

### **Building and Grounds**

No report was submitted.

### **Program Development**

No report was submitted.

### **Athletics**

No report was submitted.

### **Legislative**

No report was submitted.

### **Policy**

No report was submitted.

### **Library**

No report was submitted.

### **Outreach**

A written report was submitted.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ACLU Complaint to United States Department of Education**

A copy of the response to the press written by Patricia Oliphant and Mariah Calagione was included in the Board packet.

### **Foundation Proposal**

Patricia Oliphant reported that the school was contacted by the school's former foundation regarding the expenditure of its remaining funds. Joe Schell made a motion to form a committee to create and provide a written response to this proposal. Ilona Holland seconded; the motion passed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Patricia Oliphant reported that there will be a school wide expedition entitled Chain Reaction on February 19 and 20, 2015. *13 Reasons Why* author Jay Asher and a representative from Rachel's Challenge will be at Sussex Academy for the program.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were presented.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:55p.m. Joe Schell made a motion to adjourn. Dustin Parker seconded; the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Derrickson  
Community and Communications Manger