

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

November 28, 2022

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of Aristoi Classical Academy, Inc., charter holder for Aristoi Classical Academy (“School”) was held on **Monday, November 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., at the school, 5610 Morton Road, Katy, TX 77493-1971 in Classroom C1.**

1. Call to order and establishment of a quorum. L. Botond called the meeting to order at 5:31pm. Also present were W. Clark, A. Hovis, A. Cox, D. Light, C. Gillespie, B. Davidson, K. Locheed, A. Amboree, M. Watson,
2. Hearing of citizens. None.
3. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for October 17, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Motion to approve minutes: A. Hovis Second: A. Cox Approved: Unanimously
4. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for October 29, 2022 Special Board Meeting. Motion to approve minutes: W. Clark Second: A. Cox Approved: Unanimously
5. Discuss, consider and approve minutes for November 5, 2022 Special Board Meeting. Motion to Approve Minutes: W. Clark, Second: A. Cox Approved: Unanimously
6. Discuss, consider and approve addition of a Consent Agenda to future board meeting agendas and determine which items will be designated for the consent agenda. A. Hovis suggested Handbook Updates, Board Meeting Minutes, Policy Updates (ie, Technology Policy, Child Nutrition, etc.) A. Hovis also requested items for review should also be sent to the Board at least three weeks prior to the Board Meeting during which they are on the Consent Agenda. Motion to Approve Creation and Use of Consent Agenda effective beginning with December Board Meeting: L. Botond Second: W. Clark Approved: Unanimously
7. Hear a report from the Budget Finance Committee and consider adding Matt Watson to the Committee. Proposed formally adding Matt Watson to the Committee, as well as Joanne Bravo to the Committee. Motion to add M. Watson and J. Bravo to Budget Finance Committee: L. Botond Second: D. Light Approved: Unanimously. Budget to Actuals were reviewed; error in PEIMS report is being resolved; A. Amboree stated our Budget to Actuals are on track for the year.
8. Hear a report from the Development Committee. N. DeJong stated the Year End Appeal kicks off tomorrow, and we are already at 2% of goal. We’re already at 16% of the Year 1 goal for Capital Campaign. Gala organizers have begun seeking sponsorships.
9. Discuss, consider and approve Capital Campaign Proposal from Petrus Development. Total cost for Campaign is \$98k. Andrew Robison would be the lead on the campaign. Motion to Approve: L. Botond Second: A. Hovis Approved: Unanimously
10. Hear and Discuss HB3 report on 3rd Grade Math STAAR results. Discussion began at 5:53 pm and ended at 6:06 pm. K. Locheed reviewed the improvements across the District in 3rd grade Math scores. As a District, we were at 50%, Katy was 52%, and Cypress was 40%. Once mid-year interim STAAR assessments are conducted, we will know where we are in terms of this year’s goal progress. Ms. Polvogt reported that Ms. Hall is providing math enrichment in the Katy Elementary school. They also use the

Waggle program for practice and this has been a success in terms of how easily the teachers have found it to learn the program and use it to help students improve in math.

11. Discuss Lone Star Governance update and hear from Kara Belew. Kara Belew joined via teleconference. She suggested a Board Retreat lasting about 4 hours, in addition to 1:1 training for new board members to provide a Lone Star Governance refresh, diving deeper into STAAR goals. Also suggested the Board to do a self-review and metrics for progress moving forward. Kara also advised that the STAAR is significantly changing this year; there will be a mix of about 15 different question types, including the traditional multiple choice. Beginning in 3rd grade, all students are expected to write an essay - max. 2300 characters counting spaces. Additionally, short responses will be required as well. Writing will be expected in all portions of the exam, with the exception of math. Students will need to do a lot more reading and writing than normal. The state of Texas A-F Accountability Rating system is also being reviewed at this time as well; TEA is clear that if your school system doesn't achieve an 'A' or 'B' in this system, they will deny further expansion. A-F ratings will be released in September. Many of these changes will be reviewed during the Board Retreat. Board members to discuss scheduling and dates for retreat at a future date. This discussion began at 6:06 pm and ended at 6:17 pm.
12. Discuss and consider PEIMS reporting error, corrective action plan and ramifications for Cypress A-F rating as it pertains to High Quality Replication Grant. Per Brenda Davidson, due to a data entry error, a corrected PEIMS report was filed for the Fall 2021 semester. The data error involved the count of economically disadvantaged students enrolled in Aristoi. After recalculating Cypress rating using correct data, it was found that the data error did not change the Cypress A-F rating. Additionally, a corrective action plan is now in place, approved by TEA, to ensure the integrity of the data is accurate moving forward. The data will no longer be allowed to be manually entered.
13. Discuss the Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings response from Texas State School Safety Center and take any necessary action. Report met requirements for Corrective Action Plan as submitted to TSSSC. Dr. Cimpean is to be commended for his work in this area. Safety Committee will be meeting again in January 2023.
14. Discuss and consider an update on the Cypress Campus, including but not limited to enrollment, facilities, renovations, leadership team and faculty. A. Amboree reported construction in the Lawson Center is about 90% and stalled due to a delay in obtaining a fire permit; likely to receive permitting soon. Estimated move into Lawson Center is January tentatively. Church administration was planning a tour and should have more information soon on expected permitting dates.
15. Discuss and consider an update on the Katy Elementary Campus, including but not limited to enrollment, facilities, renovations, leadership team and faculty. T. Polvogt reported that there is a second grade teacher that has resigned and will be leaving at the end of the semester.
16. Discuss, consider and approve Strategic Plan update. Matt Watson to send first round of edits, featuring substantial verbiage changes, to Scott Joftus for incorporation into Strategic Plan draft. Will ask if they can turn this around for review at the December Board Meeting.
17. Discuss, consider and approve facilities development plan or next steps for facilities expansion projects. Further discussion to be had at future meeting.

18. Discuss, consider and approve FIRST Rating. A. Amboree shared our FIRST rating is an 'A'. Auditors did not find evidence of any misstatements. ACA has received an A or A+ rating for the past 8 years. Currently in the middle of this year's audit. Motion to consider and approve FIRST Rating: A. Hovis Second: W. Clark Approved: Unanimously
19. Discuss, consider and approve Aristoi Technology Policy. B. Davidson reviewed the Technology Policy, which is required by the TEA. Motion to Approve Technology Policy: A. Hovis Second: A. Cox Approved: Unanimously
20. Discuss, consider and approve the discontinuation of the ADYS grant summer school program. B. Davidson decided not to move forward with ADYS grant for the summer school program, because student progress was not as was to be expected. Program via this grant was geared toward more of an experience based learning approach; it was determined this was not a good fit for classical education. Moving forward, summer school will be offered in an online format. Permission not required to opt out of grant. Motion to Approve Discontinuing ADYS Grant: A. Cox Second: W. Clark Approved: Unanimously
21. Discuss and accept resignation of Richard Williams from the Aristoi Board of Directors. Motion to approve R. Williams resignation, with effect date of October 16, 2022: L. Botond, Second: A. Cox, Approved: Unanimously
22. Hear and discuss the report from the Superintendent. BD
 1. Current Enrollment: 1306 across all Aristoi campuses. Katy Waiting List: 256 Students, Cypress Waiting List: 188 Students
 2. Financial
 3. Faculty and Staff (report on new hires and resignations)
 4. Curriculum/Professional Development
 5. Student Testing
 6. Extra-Curricular
 7. Marketing/Communication
 8. Development/Fundraising/Grants
 9. Campus Security
 10. Facilities
 11. Compliance
 12. Title 1/Parent Involvement
 13. Dress Code
 14. Miscellaneous
23. Discuss and consider taking action from Superintendent's Report.
24. Adjournment to closed or executive session at 6:58pm pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074 of the Open Meetings Act, for the following purposes:
 1. For the purpose of considering the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline of Superintendent. LB
 2. Discuss assignment and duties of public officers. LB
25. Reconvened to open session at 8:17pm
26. Take action on matters discussed in closed session. Motion to accept resignation as Board Secretary from W. Clark and elect C. Gillespie as replacement: L. Botond, Second: D. Light, Approved: Unanimously

27. Discuss items to be placed on the December Regular Meeting Agenda. Extend invitation to student athletes to be recognized for athletic achievements. Request made for Administration to put together a case for support in moving forward with additional campus in 2023-2024. Lone Star Governance Update.
28. Adjourn. Motion to Adjourn: L. Botond, Second: W. Clark, Approved: Unanimously Adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Prepared by C. Gillespie

This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on November 28, 2022 as approved by the Board of Directors on December 15, 2022.



Lucina Botond, Board President